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## R. P. RITHET SANGUINE AS TO VICTORIA'S FUTURE

Notes General Improvement on His Return From San Francisco

### TALKS OF LAND CLEARING SCHEME

Will Prove a Boon in Forwarding the Interests of Vancouver Island as a Whole

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"The establishment of a new port on the west coast of Vancouver Island will in no way interfere with the commercial advancement of Victoria," remarked R. P. Rithet, one of the most prominent pioneer merchants of the city, yesterday. For the past several months Mr. Rithet has been in San Francisco. During his absence, he states, there have been many improvements in the conditions prevailing throughout British Columbia. Naturally Mr. Rithet is much interested in the development of the Island, and it was in reply to a question as to his opinion of the effect of the proposed C. P. R. line from a point in the vicinity of Seymour Narrows to the neighborhood of Alberni that he made the statement above quoted. He supplemented his reply by saying that if local business men were incapable of sufficient enterprise to maintain and build up their commercial standing once such a railway was in operation on the Island, "they had better go out of existence."

### Thinks Ferries Will Be Used

"Why, of course we must have railway communication with the Mainland," he said. He thought that in a very short time there would be a fast, modernly-equipped ferry plying the waters which separate the Island from the other sections of the province. Although he did not believe that the country has yet been sufficiently developed to warrant the construction of a bridge at the narrows, he thought that it would be quite possible to inaugurate a steamship service which would give almost as complete satisfaction, both as regards the freight and the passenger trade.

Illustrating the point of his argument, he pointed to the methods adopted by the railways of California. Several of them crossed the rivers by means of ferries. These ran according to schedule and were just as prompt in their comings and goings as the trains themselves. Therefore there was comparatively little delay, and no commotion on the part of those who used the lines. As for the passengers, his experience had been that they enjoyed the change, being able to leave the cars and take pleasure from the salt sea breezes for a few hours. He thought, if the narrows were ferried in this way, the service would give equal satisfaction. It would amount, in his opinion, to practically the same thing as a bridge.

### Recalls British Pacific Scheme

Mr. Rithet recalled that some seven or eight years ago he and others had strongly advocated what was then known as the British Pacific railway scheme. It provided for a line from Yellow Head pass to the head of Butte Inlet, thence by means of ferry to the Island, and the continuance of the railroad to Victoria and the West Coast. Had that project, he contended, received the support to which its merits entitled it, the province would be years ahead of its present stage of development. Apparently the C. P. R. had decided to build over the same route, and he believed that it was wise policy on their part. Such a line, he said, would open up an immense area, rich in mineral and agricultural resources. Providing his interpretation of the reports and the general indications was correct, there could be no doubt that the C. P. R. intended constructing a railway by way of the Yellow Head pass, and through that part of the interior referred to. Having reached Butte Inlet, especially in view of the announcement of their intention to commence the extension of the E. & N. railway to the west coast of the Island, it was only natural that some means would be adopted to forge a connecting link between these two systems.

### Victoria's Position Assured

"Any railway doing business on Vancouver Island would have to come to Victoria. That fact is patent to the least discerning," he added. "Why, consider our situation. Any company operating here will have to have an outlet to the United States. It would not pay to allow the country lying to the south of the 49th parallel, with its

millions and millions of people, to be neglected. There will be found a market for large quantities of the produce of this part of the West." On these grounds Mr. Rithet claimed that the situation of Victoria was such as would make it impossible for her to be overlooked in the future growth of the province. In his own words, providing the Island was given railways, was opened up so that capital might take a hand in the development of its most remote sections, the capital city of the province could be depended upon to advance, and become a commercial centre, a port at which would be received a large proportion of the Oriental and other imports, and the point through which the ever-increasing trade with the United States would have to pass.

### The Land Clearing Scheme

Respecting the important announcement made recently by J. S. Dennis, land commissioner of the C. P. R., to the effect that \$15,000,000 would be spent in clearing different sections of Vancouver Island's agricultural area in the near future, he thought it was in every way feasible. When a member of the provincial legislature some years ago, he had advocated that the government procure a number of stumping machines for the use of the farmers in the clearing of their farms. His idea was that they should be used by all bona fide settlers at regular intervals. Had that plan been carried into effect, he thought much progress would have already been made in ridding the land of the thick, heavy timber, with which it was covered, and which was the principal handicap confronting those desiring to engage in agricultural pursuits in this country. But the project had been turned down. Now the C. P. R. were taking up a proposal of much the same kind—in fact, identically the same principle—and his opinion was that it would prove a boon in forwarding the interests of the Island as a whole.

In this connection Mr. Rithet referred to the problem which had confronted him when he undertook the clearing of that large block of land in Saanich, now the finest farm of the district, a beautiful ranch, well known to all Victorians. He explained that he had gone about the work systematically, and, despite the difficulties in his path, had kept at it until his plan had been accomplished. As a result of the method he had pursued, he figured that the whole property had been cleared at a total cost of \$65 an acre. Once these preliminaries were done with, it was found that the land was exceedingly fertile. It was his belief that the same thing would be discovered with most of the land of Vancouver Island. The cost of clearing having been met, the rest was plain sailing. For the reason he was convinced that the C. P. R. had adopted a most commendable policy, in fact the only course open to them in their efforts to encourage the settler to come West.

### JEWS THREATEN STRIKE.

New York, Dec. 22.—Having failed to persuade the board of education to stop the celebration of Christmas in the public schools the rabbis and other Jews have decided to call a strike of school children of their race. If their plans are successful many of the schools on the east side will be depleted of a large percentage of their usual attendance.

## CHINAMEN FIND BODY OF JAMES LIVINGSTON

Cumberland Man Is Thrown From Buggy and Drowned in Mill Stream

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 22.—(Special)—The dead body of James Livingston of Cumberland was found this morning in the mill stream, near old South Wellington, by a couple of Chinamen. The Chinamen had first discovered a horse, with buggy attached, wandering in the woods, and on trying to locate the place from where it had come, they came across the corpse lying on its back in the water. It is believed that Livingston was driving home from here last night, and instead of taking the Cumberland wagon road, he branched off onto a disused mill stream at South Wellington. The mill stream at this point not being bridged, it was necessary for him to drive through the water, which is high at present. While crossing, it is thought, his buggy tilted on the uneven bed of the stream and he was precipitated into the water and drowned. Provincial police made an investigation and found no evidence of foul play.

### WANTED FOR FORGERY.

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 22.—W. H. Taft, who is wanted in Portland, Ore., for forgery, was taken to that city yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Leonard.

## BAD LOOKING BURGLAR BOLD AT LETHBRIDGE

Throws Front Door Open in Face of Spectators and Continues Work

Lethbridge, Alta., Dec. 22.—A bold burglary occurred here this morning. With the blinds up and many lights burning, a man effected an entrance into Higginbotham's drug store at the corner of the two principal business streets, at seven o'clock, and proceeded to load himself with all the attractive goods in sight, chiefly stealing silver, rhinestones, ebony goods and perfumery. To avoid suspicion he threw open the front door as various passers by were watching him. The police were notified and in making the arrest the show-wases were broken. The thief gave his name Collins Nicolson. He was pockmarked and a bad looking character.

## CHIEF COMMISSIONER LANDS AND WORKS RESIGNS

Hon. R. F. Green Gives Up Portfolio in the Provincial Cabinet

### WILL NOT AGAIN BE CANDIDATE

Private Business Arrangements Leave Him No Time to Devote to Public Life

Hon. R. F. Green yesterday resigned as chief commissioner of lands and works in the McBride government. His successor has not yet been named, and until one is selected, Hon. R. F. Tatlow will have charge of the department. In an interview with a reporter for the Colonist, Mr. Green stated that he had about completed arrangements of a business character, which would make it absolutely impossible for him to devote his time to politics. It therefore became necessary that he should resign his portfolio and retire from political life. In pursuance of this determination, he will not again offer himself as a candidate for the district he has so long represented.

Questioned further on the subject, he was most emphatic that his resignation was not in any way due to the slanderous statements so freely circulated by the Grit press, and his political opponents, during the past year. He has always enjoyed, and still has, the confidence of his colleagues. It was with sincere regret that he severed his political association with the Premier, for whom he expressed the greatest admiration and esteem. It was entirely for business reasons that he was retiring from politics, whilst still remaining a most loyal member of the Conservative party, both in the Province and in the Dominion. He was quite content to leave his reputation in the hands of his friends, feeling confident they would justify his departmental actions, and he was perfectly indifferent as to the opinion of his enemies and slanderers. He said one could not occupy the position he had without making enemies. He had contemplated this step for some time past, but the near approach of the election, and his intended retirement from political life, compelled immediate action. Having recently, in the discharge of his duty as chief commissioner, visited many of the electoral districts throughout the province, he had no doubt about the result of the coming contest. The government would be sustained by a handsome majority, and his old riding, Kaslo, was perfectly safe in the hands of the prospective candidate.

## ISLAND RANCH SELLS FOR TWELVE THOUSAND

Eastern Farmer Plans to Go Into Stock-raising on a Large Scale

A sale of a somewhat interesting character is reported to have been effected several days ago, when Thomas Mollet, of Pender Island, disposed of his ranch, which includes several hundred acres of the finest land to be found in the vicinity, for a consideration of \$12,000. The purchaser was an Eastern farmer, who, it is understood, contemplates entering into agricultural and stock-raising pursuits on this coast on a large scale. He has brought with him quite a few cattle and sheep, with which to stock his new homestead. The demand for acreage in the Gordon Head and Mount View districts has become heavier during the past few weeks. The property of that locality is being sold for about \$500 an acre, and seems to find a ready market at that valuation. Beaumont Boggs, who is the agent for these blocks of land, states that the inquiries which he has received have, in the majority of instances, come from former residents of the Northwest.

The varying popularity of different sections of the city in the minds of the investors, during the past few weeks, has formed an interesting study to many of the agents as well as those more indirectly concerned. One of the officials of the B. C. Land & Investment agency, conversing upon this subject the other day, said: "It's a strange thing, but we find the purchasers to come in what might be termed shoals. For instance, at one period all the inquiry will be for outside acreage. Following that will come many inquiries for inside property, and afterwards, perhaps, we will be asked to show all the residential holdings we have for sale."

Asked what part of the city appeared to be the most popular among those looking for homes, the reply was: "The district lying in the vicinity of Beacon Hill park." The section considered the most desirable by those wanting property as a pure investment was difficult to name. Of course all that lying within the present business section was considered good, but there appeared to be an inclination on the part of many to obtain land in the Victoria West district, as near as possible to the Songhees Indian reserve. The opinion of this class, it seemed, was that when the reserve question was settled, that section would become an important industrial centre, with the result that the value of adjacent property would be materially increased. The attention of investors has been attracted to the country lying around the city, and property in the rural district is selling rapidly. The demand is good, and prices are at that could be

desired, with every prospect of increasing.

Along the Saanich road interest in real estate has been particularly active of late, and several good sales have been reported. Demand is good for all kinds of land, both cleared and uncleared, and in no cases reported has the price gone below \$1000 an acre.

Two sales were completed yesterday. E. Dann, of Vancouver, bought over six and three-quarter acres at Strawberry Vale, the price being \$100 an acre. The land is cleared, and is covered with a light growth of bush.

The sale has also been reported of five acres in the same neighborhood for \$650. One and a half acres of the land is cleared, the remainder being covered with oaks and other small timber. The location is extremely picturesque, and the purchaser stated his intention of establishing a country residence there.

### BEATS WIFE EVERY NIGHT.

Inhuman Husband Is Taken Into Custody at Calgary.

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 22.—A complaint was turned in to the police to the effect that Adam Gottlieb, Tenth avenue, had been abusing his wife and had left the house this morning with the expressed intention of killing her when he returned in the evening. It was said the woman was in need of a doctor, and Dr. McDonald went to see her. The residence was a small shack with a shed roof. It contains only one room, and there husband, wife and five small children live. When visitors went in, a little girl of eight years was nursing a baby, and Mrs. Gottlieb was lying on a bed. She was very ill and unable to work. While the doctor was examining her another visitor was talking to the little girl. She said, "Oh, yes, he (meaning her father) comes home every night and beats mamma. He makes her go out into the snow sometimes at night." Officer Hardie took Gottlieb into custody.

### POTOMAC HELPS SOME.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 22.—The United States tug Potomac has cut out the entire fleet of herring vessels which was frozen in at the Bay of Islands, without discrimination as to nationality, clearing American, Canadian and Newfoundland vessels alike. The tug also escorted the vessels to safe anchorages. The skippers of all the vessels praise the commander of the Potomac warmly. A gale moderated the cold today. The inlets are now clear and the fishing has been resumed.

### LOSS FROM CAR SHORTAGE.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 22.—C. A. Prouty, a member of the interstate commerce commission, said today: "The damage to grain and cattle shippers in the South and West, especially in Texas and Oklahoma, from car shortage conditions cannot be estimated. Active and stringent methods will have to be adopted to relieve the situation."

### SNAP FOR DRUNKS.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 22.—It has been discovered that a clause in the city charter makes it impossible for the magistrate to imprison drunks and 52 at present in jail were released today.

## NANAIMO RATEPAYERS ENCOURAGE INDUSTRY

Pass By-laws on Right of Way Privileges for Lumber and Coal Companies

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 22.—(Special)—In no mistaken way Nanaimo today demonstrated that she is after the business that is coming to this Island. Two by-laws were submitted to the ratepayers to grant rights-of-way, one to the Western Fuel Company and the other to the Red Fir Lumber Company, to run railway spurs to their respective plants to facilitate shipping. Both by-laws carried by overwhelming majorities. The Brechin railway by-law passed by 436 for and 35 against; while the Red Fir Lumber Company's branch to connect with the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway met with the opposition of only 43 out of 466 votes. It is now the intention of this company to expend from \$50,000 to \$100,000 improving its plant. The Western Fuel Company also promises immense improvements in shipping facilities.

### BRYCE'S SUCCESSOR.

Dublin, Dec. 22.—The Evening News today stated that negotiations have been in progress for some time with the view of Sir Algernon West succeeding James Bryce as chief secretary for Ireland.

## LUMBERMEN ATTACK RAILWAY COMPANIES

Apply to Have Charters Forfeited Because of Insufficient Service

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 22.—The Mississippi Valley Lumberman, a prominent organ of the western lumber trade, announces today that the lumber and shingle manufacturers of the Pacific Coast have taken steps looking to an application for receivers for certain railroads. It is admitted that the properties are perfectly solvent, but the attack is being made on the ground that the roads have forfeited their charters through insufficient service.

### BEST ON RECORD.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Local merchants report that Christmas shopping this year is the best on record.

## SMELTER OPERATIONS TO BE INCREASED AT TRAIL

Coke Is Being Accumulated and New Furnaces Will Be Blown In

### ANOTHER RICH STRIKE REPORTED

Free Milling Ore With Gold Like Nuggets Found in the Grand Prize Mine

Roseland, B. C., Dec. 22.—The supply of coke is increasing at Trail and during the week another copper furnace was blown in, making three in operation. It is anticipated that soon all of the five copper furnaces will be blown in and then the plant will be reducing 1700 tons daily.

The Le Roi smelter at Northport has not been in operation during the week, the management waiting for a supply of coke sufficiently large to assure operation. In the shaft of the Grand Prize property located north of the city, a find of free gold has been made. One piece of ore is impregnated with free gold in the nugget form. The extent of the find has not yet been determined although the ledge is about four and a half feet in width. By many it is considered important as it reveals that another section of the Trail coke division promises to develop valuable mines.

Information has been received here from the east that the officials of the Dominion Copper company at a meeting held a few days ago in New York, were so well pleased with the work being done at the company's mines at Phoenix and at the smelter at Boundary Falls that it had been decided by the board to enlarge the smelting works with three more furnaces giving the plant a total capacity of 3,400 tons of ore per day. With two furnaces now in commission and a third now being erected this will make six blast furnaces at this smelter. The improvements will cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000 and will be paid for from earnings. It will require the better part of 1907 probably to get the new furnaces installed.

Shipments for the week were: Le Roi, 1,080; Centre Star, 1,470; Le Roi No. 2, 330. Total for week, 3,780, and for year 268,008 tons.

### FARMERS SEIZE COAL.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 22.—Despatches from Berwick, N. D., say that a party of citizens and farmers took possession of a train yesterday and helped themselves to ten tons of coal.

## UNKNOWN TERRORIST ASSASSINATES COUNT

Fires Six Bullets Into the Body of Author of Deadly Law

Tver, Russia, Dec. 22.—Count Alexis Ignatieff, a member of the Council of the Empire, and ex-governor-general of Kiev, Volhynia, and Podolia, was shot and killed by an unknown man here tonight in the refreshment room of the hall occupied by the Nobles assembly. The assassin fired six bullets from a revolver into his victim's body, and then tried to commit suicide, but was seized before he could do so and is now in custody of the police. The obnoxious drum-head court-martial law under which hundreds of the leading terrorists have been executed during the last few months, was worked out at a special conference of which Count Ignatieff was a member, and to him the revolutionists attributed the authorship of this measure.

Kotaka, Russia, Dec. 22.—While a squad of police, headed by Police Capt. Preobrazh Jansky, were last night entering a lodging house suspected of harboring revolutionists, several men opened fire with revolvers on the police, killing the captain and mortally wounding a policeman. The revolutionists escaped.

## UNANIMOUSLY CHOOSE PREMIER AS CANDIDATE

Dewdney Conservatives Nominate Hon. R. McBride—Enthusiastic Meeting

Mission Junction, B. C., Dec. 22.—(Special).—At a convention of Dewdney electors today, Hon. Richard McBride was again unanimously chosen as the Conservative candidate for next provincial election. Tonight a public meeting was addressed by the premier and W. J. Bowser, M. P., great enthusiasm being shown by the audience.

### DIES FROM EXPOSURE.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 22.—The first mate of Finnish ship Sorento, wrecked at Priest Point on the north shore of the island last month died yesterday from exposure. He was one of seven men that reached shore after being thrown out of a lifeboat.



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## ATHENIAN BRINGS VALUABLE CARGO

Silks, Seal and Otter Pelts Included in Costly Freight of C. P. R. Liner

Steamer Athenian of the C. P. R. Capt. Cooper, which arrived from the Orient yesterday with 60 passengers, including 33 Hindus, all for Vancouver, brought a full cargo including some valuable shipments: silk goods and raw silk in 3,000 bales valued at over \$2,000,000; 160 casks of seal-skins—the catch of the majority of the vessels of the Japanese sealing fleet sent from Hakodate and Yokohama by Messrs. King and Laffin en route to C. M. Lamson's sale-rooms in London—and 8 casks of seal-otter skins, furs valued at an average of \$800 each. There were also shipments of cigars, tea, rice, curios, opium, and general freight. An idea of the value of the steamer's cargo is given when it is stated that over \$80,000 was paid in freights alone.

There were 33 saloon passengers, and as a coincidence exactly the same number of steerage, on board the steamer. Among the saloon passengers were Capt. A. E. Ellis and Capt. Yaneberg, the latter formerly in the United States coast guard service in Mindanao and now engaged in commerce at Manila; Rev. John Lake, a missionary from Shanghai, V. F. and Mrs. Beers, Zur Sun Bien and Miss Kuo Kim Bien, Miss C. Bostick, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Burns, R. Dunn, brother of a Victoria florist, J. M. Matchett, J. Robertson, H. Shearer, M. J. Shen, Mrs. C. Wilson, and a number of Chinese, Japanese and Koreans.

The Athenian brought news that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Tango Maru, Capt. Moses, which left Victoria Nov. 13 and reached Yokohama three days overdue was damaged by storms. The steamer ran into a very heavy gale on leaving the Straits, and the storm continued for four or five days.

The cabin was smashed by the force of the waves, a ladder was broken into pieces, and one sailor was lost.

News was also received of a catastrophe caused as a result of a floating mine being washed ashore on the coast of the Sea of Japan. On Dec. 3 the governor of Akita telegraphed:

"At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon a floating mine was washed up on the shore of Katsute, Michikawa-mura, Yuri district, Akita Prefecture.

"It attracted a large crowd of villagers and while one of them was examining the mine, it exploded, killing ten persons and severely injuring 50 others."

The Athenian had a comparatively good trip. She proceeded to Vancouver about 5 o'clock.

### DIVIDEND FOR SEALERS.

One Dollar Per Share Will Be Paid From Profits.

A dividend of one dollar a share, 8 1/2 per cent, will be declared at the meeting of the Victoria Sealing company to be held next Friday at the rooms of the board of trade, when arrangements will be made for the coming season's work. It is expected that the company's fleet will number the same vessels as last season, when six schooners were sent out with white hunters to make a lengthy cruise lasting nine or ten months, and ten schooners going to Bering sea with Indian hunters. Last season there were also three independent schooners. This year five independent vessels will go out, the Ella G., which is hunting off the coast, and the schooner Thomas F. Bayard, bought by local sealers at Seattle. Capt. Haan who last season was master of the schooner Jessie will, it is stated, probably go out on the schooner Ubrina next season. The Ida Etta is being outfitted and will probably sail immediately after the holidays in charge of Capt. Folger with a full crew of white hunters.

### PONDO IN PORT.

Steamer Pondo, a freighter of Bucknall Bros., reached port yesterday from Wellington and other New Zealand ports with a small cargo, the rusted hull being high in the water. The steamer had about a thousand tons of general freight. She has cargo space for three or four times that amount.

Coming direct from Wellington the Pondo was a month at sea, and during the voyage one stirring incident occurred. John Helm, boatswain, a native of Germany, fell overboard and was drowned. The vessel was stopped, a boat lowered, and a search made without result. The

boatswain was unable to swim and is believed to have sunk at once.

Three stowaways, who worked their passage from New Zealand, after being discovered on board the second day out, were given their liberty on arrival.

### GOVERNMENT STEAMERS

C. G. S. Kestrel and Quadra were in port yesterday. The Quadra returned after completing the work begun many weeks ago of transporting material to Padenia point for the new lighthouse which the marine department is establishing there at a cost of over \$35,000. The Quadra carried 120,000 feet of lumber from Victoria and Alberni to Padenia point, all of which was rafted and towed ashore with the steamer's boats, being lifted onto the rock by derricks built at the water's edge. About 800 tons of cement, sand, lime, bricks and other building material was also landed with the steamer's boats. The work was completed on Friday and yesterday the steamer returned home to permit her company spending Christmas at home. Steamer Kestrel returned to Esquimalt from a northern cruise, and Captain Walbran reports having encountered rough weather throughout. The night the Themis was lost the Kestrel was sheltering from the gale about twenty miles distant. Capt. Walbran endeavored to locate a rock reported in Fifth sound. In the place reported there was 112 fathoms and Capt. Walbran does not believe the alleged menace exists. The Kestrel will proceed to Vancouver today.

### MARINE NOTES.

Charles Cheadle, captain and owner of the launch Traveler, lost his life in the explosion of his launch in Olympia harbor on Friday night. Thomas Gibbs and John Gibbs, of the crew, and Miss Tillie Noble narrowly escaped with their lives. The launch was totally destroyed, burning to the water edge.

### AT THE HOSPITAL.

Programme Arranged for Opening of Children's Ward.

The programme to be rendered by the Victoria Philharmonic orchestra at the Jubilee hospital this afternoon at 4 o'clock, is as follows:

March—"Militaire" ..... Schubert  
Selection from "Martha" ..... Faust  
"Serenade" ..... Macbeth  
"Berceuse" ..... Gounod  
(Cornet solo by W. North).  
"Sunbeams and Shadows" ..... Kaiser  
"March Solenne" ..... Kremer  
During the opening service, which will take place at 3 p. m., Mrs. R. H. Pooley will sing "He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd" (Handel); and the Misses Lugin will sing "God Is Love" (Abt).

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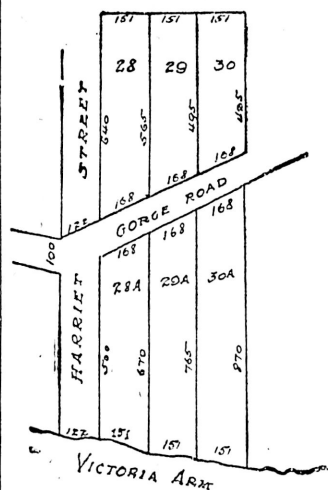
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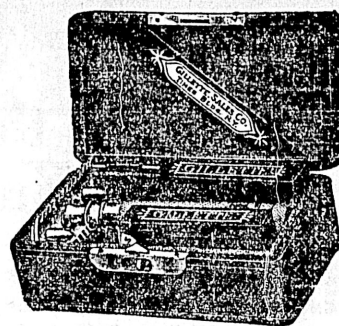
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## PETREL RESCUES A DROWNING MAN

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In a flooded small boat, exhausted and having almost given up the battle for life, James Smith, of Green street, was found yesterday afternoon by the government steamer Petrel in time to prevent him from losing his life during the gale of yesterday afternoon. Smith, a young man of about 28 years of age, was rowing between Sidney and James Island when the storm broke, and his boat, a dugout, was swamped and filled. He was soon helpless and became exhausted after an unavailing struggle to help himself.

When the Petrel came he had almost abandoned the struggle; he did not seem as if he could have lasted ten minutes longer. The Petrel was steered toward him, and, half way between Sidney and Darcey Island, he was dragged from the waterlogged boat with a line, the boat being allowed to drift away. Weakly he said, "I'm blamed glad you fellows came."

"If we hadn't you'd have missed your Christmas dinner," said Captain Barry.

G. A. Keefe, engineer of the public works department, was on board the Petrel when the man was rescued.

THE SONGHEES RESERVE.  
R. L. Borden Securing Papers at the Request of H. D. Helmcken, K. C.  
H. D. Helmcken, K. C., last evening received the following explanatory letter:

"Ottawa, Dec. 14, 1906.  
"Dear Mr. Helmcken—Your letter of the 7th inst. is before me. In accordance with your suggestion, I am placing on the order paper a motion respecting the Songhees Indian reserve, copy of which I send herewith for your information. As soon as the papers come down I shall have them copied, if you desire.  
"Believe me, yours faithfully,  
"R. L. BORDEN."

Extract from Hansard of Dec. 14.—Mr. Borden—On Monday next—Address—For a copy of all orders-in-council, instructions, reports, letters, telegrams, correspondence and other papers of every kind relating to the negotiations for the Songhees Indian reserve, and especially all such papers as are said relating to the recent mission of Mr. Pedley, deputy superintendent-general of Indian affairs, to the province of British Columbia.

GEORGE BRYAN EXONERATED  
Calgary, Alta., Dec. 22.—George Bryan, principal of the Normal school, was acquitted by a jury of a charge of assaulting a girl. The evidence completely exonerated Bryan.

THE "VENTS" DISAPPEAR.  
The Reason for Their Going Torsely Explained by President Mercer.

"Why have the vents disappeared from the back of the sack suits?" was the question asked the President of the Semi-Ready Company, who is an admitted authority on men's dress, and the best original designer in America.  
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## EVIDENCE OF WRECK.

Lightkeeper at Carmanah Point Reports Finding of a Body.

A wreck, involving loss of life, has evidently occurred off the Vancouver Island coast according to a message received by the local agent of marine, Capt. James Gaudin, yesterday from W. P. Daykin, lightkeeper at Carmanah point. The telegram reports the finding of the body of a white man in the surf half way between Carmanah point and Cloose. It was expected the body would be secured when the tide ebbed last night.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

At St. Barnabas church there will be held a midnight celebration of the holy eucharist, commencing at 11:30 p. m. on Christmas eve. The rector will be the celebrant, assisted by the Rev. James Simonds, who will deliver a short address.

The service will be interspersed with Christmas carols, copies of words will be supplied for the congregation. The rector wishes those who intend making their Christmas communion at this service to kindly send their names to him some time the day before. The musical portion will consist of a selection of carols in F, and the organist selections will be from the "Messiah."

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## PERSONAL

Mrs. Pithrick and daughter, Miss Hilda, of Salt Spring Island, are spending a week in the city with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Martin of Nelson are spending the Christmas holidays with the latter's mother, Mrs. S. Perry Mills, of Fernwood road.

Mrs. A. B. Ellis, of 65 Menzies street, who has been in poor health for some time past, left on the last outgoing boat for San Francisco, where she will probably spend the balance of the winter.

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The funeral will take place from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Home, on Saturday, December 22nd, at 2:30 o'clock.

Friends please accept this intimation.

McPHERSON—At Cowichan Station, on December 20th, John McPherson, aged 51 years, a native of Aberlour, Scotland.

Funeral will take place today, at 12 o'clock, from Cowichan Station to St. Peter's cemetery, Qualicum.

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One hundred thousand dollars (100,000) asked for—fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) needed, to entitle committee to Hon. James Dunsinuir's grant of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

Is a Consumptive Sanatorium needed? During the month of September of this year a boy nineteen years old became consumptive. He lived in a hotel and was dependent on his own efforts as a laborer. As a result of his disease he was turned out of three hotels and refused admission to a public hospital. The boy is now dead. A man who befriended the boy wrote as follows: "God have mercy on us for our neglect of such cases." Need we further ask, is this institution needed?

The death-rank of consumption in Canada exceeds twelve thousand yearly; and in British Columbia it is over two hundred.

The number of persons invalided from consumption is authoritatively estimated to be five times as great as the number of deaths therefrom; therefore, we have some sixty thousand invalids in Canada, and a thousand in British Columbia.

We have, therefore, before us the appalling fact that yearly we lose the benefit of the services and earning powers of thousands of citizens who are incapacitated by illness, and others who lose outright by death, through this one cause—and that a preventable cause. This is something to set political economists thinking very seriously. It is a responsibility too vast to be measured by mere figures, or described in mere language.

No fanciful theories, untried methods, or mere experiments are proposed. The simple, God-given remedies, viz.: Fresh air, suitable food, rest and exercise, under expert supervision, and suitable, cheerful surroundings, have more than proved their efficiency. Practically speaking, these requisites are obtainable only in a sanatorium.

Further advantage connected with such an institution is that the removal of one source of contagion from the general community; and when, after treatment, such person is returned cured, or otherwise, to the ranks of the public, he or she is an educational centre of first importance, because the first principle impressed on a patient on entering a sanatorium is the care he should exercise in his personal habits; the necessity for cleanliness, for care in disposal of anything about him which would spread, or even be likely to spread, contagion; in a word, he is persistently taught to move and live so that no other human being shall be likely, in the remotest sense, to suffer on account of any thoughtlessness on his part in the care of himself. Such a person, when discharged from the institution, is, by his training in the sanatorium, not only impressed with the necessity for such caution, but is so because of his knowledge so gained, becomes in his family and general surroundings an educational influence infinitely more effective than all the literature and arguments of physicians and authorities on the subject.

The conditions as to consumption are not only fully understood, but are well recognized, and it is now an accepted fact that consumption is preventable and may be cured, or at least arrested. That being so, inaction is, to say the least, criminal. It is our duty to endeavor, in any case, to stem the progress of this sacrifice of human beings.

It is proposed to build a sanatorium in British Columbia. The province's prominent are prepared to assist, and the people generally, through local societies formed all over the country, are willing to maintain. You are asked to help us to build. Action, immediate action, is imperative, if we wish to stem this awful tide of mortality. To stand idly by any longer is tantamount to being willing participants in something worse than race suicide.

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### MR. GREEN'S RESIGNATION.

It is with very great regret that we announce this morning the resignation of the Hon. R. P. Green from the Office of Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, which he has so ably and satisfactorily filled ever since the formation of the present government. The late hour at which this information reaches us prevents such a review of Mr. Green's official career as we would like to give, but a few of the salient facts may be mentioned.

In a legislative way the province has, in the existing law relating to timber limits, an evidence of Mr. Green's appreciation of the requirements of business and the possible development of the lumbering industry. Before the last change in the law there was no stability in the tenure of timber licenses, and they therefore possessed little commercial value to men operating under them. They might be renewed, but the renewal was at the option of the Chief Commissioner; now it is a legal right, subject of course to such increase in royalty and rental as the legislature may from time to time impose. The licenses are also transferable, and therefore are of much greater value to timber operators than they were under the system which made them personal. Mr. Green also settled the difficult problem presented by the dyking question on the lower Fraser, and placed upon the statute book an Act which has given satisfaction to all concerned, and secured to the province a regular revenue from the parties benefited by these important public works.

Among the matters for which he is entitled to credit is the legislation intended to secure the manufacture of our timber in the province. This has worked out admirably, and has already led to the investment of a large amount of money in British Columbia, and will bring very much more. He also inaugurated a system of forest protection from fire, doing as much in this line as the limited means at his disposal would permit.

In the administration of his Department, Mr. Green has acted in a manner that will be more appreciated the better it is understood. Whatever may have been the rule in days past, during the last three years people having business with the department have received what the law entitled them to, and there has been no discrimination between friends and opponents of the administration. He has also fully systematized the work of the office, and in every way placed it upon a more business-like footing than it has ever been. He has been one of the best Chief Commissioners that British Columbia has ever had, and it can be said of him with perfect confidence, that he leaves his important and responsible post with a reputation for industry, integrity and administrative ability.

In the resignation of Mr. Green the province loses an efficient minister, and the Premier an able colleague. We are glad to be informed by Mr. Green that the step which he has taken is entirely owing to the fact that business interests will not permit him to continue in politics. The Colonist wishes him every success in his future undertakings, and in so doing it knows that it expresses not only the hope of the provincial Conservative Party, but of Mr. Green's political opponents, who never in the heat of politics ceased to be his personal friends.

### VICTORIA'S CLIMATE.

Mr. A. W. McCurdy's discovery in regard to the climate of Victoria, as set out in a paper read by him before the Natural History Society, is that the Summer Isotherms of 60 deg. and the Winter Isotherms of 40 deg. crossing America intersect at Victoria. By Isotherms is meant, speaking colloquially, the average temperature for any particular season. The Summer Isotherm of 60 means that part of the continent over which the mean summer temperature is 60 deg. Fahrenheit; the Winter Isotherm of 40 means that part of the continent over which the mean winter temperature is 40 deg. Fahrenheit. The Summer Isotherm above mentioned enters the continent at Cape Breton, crosses the St. Lawrence north of Quebec, touches the southern points of James Bay, sweeps in an irregular curve to Dawson and then drops directly down to Victoria. Throughout this region the average temperature of the summer is the same. The Winter Isotherm enters the continent at the mouth of Delaware Bay and passes in a southerly direction across Virginia; then runs west through Tennessee, then bends to the southwest until a little north of the Mexican frontier; then it turns to the northwest through Southern California and runs northward parallel to the Pacific coast until Victoria is reached, when it extends in a curve to the northwest up Vancouver Island. This means that the average winter temperature is the same along the line thus drawn across the continent.

Mr. McCurdy takes the tables of precipitation in eight cities, namely: Victoria, Winnipeg, Montreal, Sydney, Boston, New York, Washington, D. C. and Norfolk, Virginia. With the exception

of Winnipeg, Victoria has the least average rainfall and very much the least annual snowfall. That we have less precipitation than other points in this vicinity is known to all, but not many people know that we have less than half that at any other meteorological station in the Pacific Northwest. Mr. McCurdy says that last July and August reminded him of January and February in the Nile valley.

But the meteorological tables do not tell everything. They do not indicate the amount of humidity in the atmosphere, and this is one of Victoria's strong points in summer. For reasons, which we shall not attempt to explain, we have nothing to complain of on the score of humidity. In respect to the rain, the tables are also necessarily imperfect. They cannot give any idea of the nature of our rainstorms. These are rarely heavy, and seldom depressing. Neither are they as a rule continuous. We have our disagreeable days, and perhaps this fall we have had more than our usual share; but, taking the year together, there is little doubt that we have in this city the finest climate in the world.

### THE CALL OF THE NORTH.

Chester Perkins, in the Metropolitan Magazine for December writes the following verses under the title, "North-West Wind":

From the dark of the Boreal seas,  
From the midnight morn of the pole,  
To the lands of your Southland seas,  
Where sweeter winds blow;  
From the still of the caves of the Cold,  
To the resonant marches of men,  
By the wind that runs, I summon my sons  
To the arms of the North-West;  
To the ships of the scurrying main,  
Where the stern-wheels southward thrum  
To the land of the Sun and the Rain,  
On the wings of the dark I come;  
And never thy Love, nor the love,  
Of thy Fame shall make thee free,  
For a sail or a soul, at my rallying roll,  
Must turn to the North with me.

Ye have fathomed the fumes of the East  
And the reach of the West ye know,  
And the wide of the Earth, as the best  
Ye have tamed to the whip and the hoe;  
But the breath of my pitiless plains  
Ye have faced—ye have failed of the goal;  
And the drums of the North, they shall  
Summon ye forth,  
Till ye win to the prize of the Pole!

In these stirring lines, the poet gives expression to one of the unaccountable impulses of men, that is of the men of the North Temperate Zone. Only a few of us have any special desire to reach the Pole, but to all of us the North has its fascination. Prosaic people, who would laugh at the suggestion that they are not most eminently practical, feel it. They come down from the Yukon, and are restless until they get back again. Hardships seem only to whet their appetites for what the North enshrouds with its long winter nights and its deep mantle of snow and ice. The builder of the Great Pyramid so located the entrance to the central chamber that it points directly at the Pole Star. The writer of one of the Psalms referred to the Creator as one who "spreadeth out the North over the empty place." Just what this means we may not quite know, Lieut. Maury, a famous American meteorologist, thought it referred to the fact that the region around Polaris is comparatively barren of stars, but a more reasonable suggestion is that the northern heavens cover a region that is now empty, as it is in fact. Dr. Warren, President of the Boston University, goes further and suggests that the "empty north" was once filled with people, and that the Psalmist had in mind a tradition of those days, which told how it became empty.

The North has been calling for centuries. It was well enough four hundred years ago to say that it was a desire to find a Northwest Passage to the Indies, which led the hardy adventurers to press their little ships into the domain of the Ice King, just as it is all very well now to say that there are some undefined scientific advantages to be gained by discovering the North Pole. The passion is born in us. If you have never conversed with an old Arctic explorer, one of those men, who have spent many long years among the ice fields and the snow in quest of something they knew not what, you have no idea of what the call of the North is like. Said old Commander Cheyne, the first person to suggest ballooning as the means of reaching the Pole, when asked how he proposed to get back: "Get back, sir! No true Arctic explorer ever thinks about getting back." At that time the Commander was upwards of seventy years of age, but he was ready to start on his balloon voyage as soon as he could get the money. This was twenty-five years ago. Walter Wellman, who got the money and was afraid to start, but is now lecturing before American audiences, telling about what he did not do, was only a poor imitator of the gallant Canadian. The call of the North has Captain Peary enchanted. So it has Mikkelsen, in whom all Victorians ought to take a deep interest. But it has enchanted others by the thousands, men who have earned no fame and never sought it, men who perhaps do not realize that they are captives to its siren, though inaudible, voice.

### WAGES AND PRODUCTS.

There is a good deal of nonsense in this talk about wages being too high for fruit-growers to pay. This was the substance of a remark made by a very successful member of that fraternity, who last year took \$1,000 worth of strawberries off an acre near Victoria. He went on to say that berries at 4 cents a pound paid; that the jam factories would give 4½ cents, and last year the average price per pound was 10 cents. So you see, he added, that we have a margin between 4 and 10 cents, and with this much profit to work on, if the hired help does not get good wages, there is something wrong in the arrangement.

All prices are relative. In this part of Canada, good apples are now selling for from \$1.50 a box up; eggs are pre-

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ty near any price the seller chooses to ask; butter is 30 cents and upwards a pound; geese are 25 cents a pound; local turkeys, almost anything, and certainly 35 cents a pound, and so on. Now, when prices like these are obtainable, why cannot a farmer afford to pay high wages? He cannot do so, of course, unless he produces a sufficient quantity of products to make it worth while hiring help, but if he is content to do business in a little way, he ought not to hire help. Loose hay was selling yesterday at \$15 per ton. The quotations in Eastern papers were from \$7 to \$8. The difference is enough to offset the higher wages paid here. But again we say that any wages are too much for a man to pay, who does not farm on a sufficiently large scale to need help. He may hire as many or as few men as he likes, and it is no one's business, but if a man farms in a business-like way, he will find that the wages asked here are not out of keeping with the prices of produce.

### THE BUTE INLET ROUTE.

The Cumberland News thinks that the Colonist does not appreciate the difficulties at ending railway construction to the interior of the province by way of Bute Inlet. Our contemporary is quite mistaken. Reference has already been made on more than one occasion in these columns to that phase of the case, and one of the reasons why we have urged an expenditure for a full and complete survey is that there may possibly be an easier route than that followed by Mr. Marcus Smith. At the same time, there is nothing in Mr. Smith's route that would prevent a line constructed by it from serving admirably as a transcontinental road. There is a pretty stiff grade going eastward, but it is not very long, and it is quite possible that, as has been the experience of the Canadian Pacific and the Great Northern, even this may be much reduced by lengthening the distance a little. These are questions of engineering which newspapers cannot determine.

The News thinks that a better route can be found by taking a starting point a little further north on Vancouver Island. We quote what it says on the subject, which is a very valuable contribution to an interesting and important question.

Yet only 40 miles further north, the continuous shores of Island and Mainland approach each other as close as 3 miles, in a place where a steam ferry could operate successfully every day in the year, and where the distance from sea level to height of land is four times that at Bute Inlet, or roughly speaking, 60 miles as against 15 miles at Bute. This was pointed out some weeks ago in the columns of this paper, and is believed by the writer to be practicable from opinions expressed by engineers and woodsmen of note, as well as from personal knowledge and observation. That this route will ultimately be utilized is a certainty, and equally certain it is that the railway who first utilizes it will be foremost in the trans-Pacific trade, for a direct line crossing the Fraser and coming straight through the Chilcoen and down to Port Neville, or Blenknox Bay, on Johnstone Straits, crossing the three miles to the Island by powerful steam tugs, and from there to Quatimo, or some other suitable Northwest Island port, will save much time over the present roundabout routes, and we venture to suggest, even over the much talked of G. T. P. route and terminus at Kaizen Island, Port Simpson, or Xosaga Gulf. As regards Victoria, this route will apply fully as well as the Seymour Narrows one being but 40 miles or so further north, and there being no natural difficulties to construction on that portion of this Island.

While we would greatly prefer the proposed bridges, we are by no means averse to a full investigation. In fact this is the thing that we ask above all others. It may be that a route by the route mentioned by The News would be better, even with a ferry, than one by way of Bute Inlet with bridges. The suggestion of our contemporary is therefore exceedingly valuable, and we hope it will receive every consideration. What we want is the shortest and best route from Vancouver Island to the plains of Alberta.

The Postmaster General holds out hopes of "shilling cables" to all parts of the Empire. The originator of this idea was Sir Sandford Fleming, and if Mr. Lemieux can carry it into effect, he will accomplish a great work.

The United States could probably whip Japan, but it would be a pretty tough job. Let us hope that the people of both countries will have common sense enough to avoid the miserable policy of "pin pricks," which does no conceivable good and may lead to incalculable harm.

One reason why this is such a splendid Christmas is that Victorians have "found themselves," and it is helped out also by the fact that other people have found us also. Present indications are that a very goodly number of other people will be here very soon to see if we are as good as we are painted.

Said a caller to the Colonist the other day: "Why do not tourists come here in June?" We do not know. If they did, the chances are that they would never leave. A clear winter day in Victoria is lovely; so is a clear autumn day; so also is any day in July, August and September; so also the clear days of spring. But of all the twelve months give us June, when the hills are aflame with broom and the roadsides are bedecked with wild roses. April is lovely, when young people "consider the lilies" and pick them by the armful. January is enjoyable when the crocuses begin to appear, and there are other delightful seasons. But nothing equals June. Then the grass and the trees are the greenest and every-

thing is overflowing with beauty. Some people may prefer the months when the cherries and apple blossoms are in their prime, but give us June with its golden broom, its roses and its long summer evenings, when the mountains are yet well covered with snow and reflect the glories of the sunset in the placid waters of the Strait.

We congratulate the Times upon its attractive and useful Christmas number. The illustrations are an especially strong feature, the selections being made with exceptionally good judgment. Perhaps the most useful article in it is that on the climate of Victoria, by Mr. Arthur W. McCurdy, to which further reference is herein made.

Lady Cook, who was one of the somewhat conspicuous Cladlin sisters, the other being Mrs. Victoria Woodhull-Martin, better known by her first husband's name, Woodhull, has been making an investigation, and has reached the conclusion that the women of the United States do not want the ballot. If Lady Cook would extend her inquiries to Canada, she would find the same condition. Women can vote at certain elections in Victoria, but those who avail themselves of the privilege form a very small minority. It would be just the same if perfect equality of franchise with the men were granted them.

"A schoolboy" asks the meaning of protoplasm. It means nothing that any body knows anything about? It was an invention of a very learned man to conceal his ignorance. He had been digging into things to find out what they were made out of in the very beginning, and when he got as far as he could get, he called what he could not find out "protoplasm." This is not a very scientific definition, but it is good enough for every day use. Protoplasm has been analyzed. It consists of carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen. The white of an egg is a sample. But there are other combinations of the three named elements, which are not protoplasm, the peculiar quality distinguishing substances so-called from others, being that they appear to contain in themselves the origin of life.

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GOVERNMENT TELEPHONES.

The Alberta government does not make much noise, but it keeps on doing things. It has a telephone policy. The Alberta government, having decided that public owned telephones were desirable, has begun, without ostentation or any fuss and feathers, to build telephone lines. The first line is now actually under construction between Calgary and Banff; and a second line between Edmonton and Lloydminster is to be begun in the near future. Other lines are to be built as speedily as possible, and later they will be linked together.—Acadian Recorder.

### WILL FRANCE BE WISE?

French politicians are terribly logical, and the danger is that they will deal with the Church even as they think the Church would have dealt with the Republic in the day of its power. The statesmen of France should pattern their enforcement of a cruel and tyrannical law on the calm, deep wisdom of William the Third, who when urged to extremities against a Jacobite enemy, said: "He has set his heart on being a martyr; I have set mine on disappointing him." If the leaders of the French Republic had taken the lesson of toleration in the Twentieth Century as well as William the Third knew it in the Seventeenth Century, there would be no religious crisis in France today. The French Republic is slow to grow into the liberty that Anglo-Saxon civilization owes to the final triumph of popular sovereignty over the right on the banks of the Boyne.—Toronto Telegram.

### THE CHURCHES MOVING.

That was an inspiring letter of Rev. J. E. Tiner of the Tryon Baptist church which we published on Saturday. And it was a noble resolve of the church and its pastor to throw their weight into the scale for pure elections. We trust the example may be fruitful of like resolves in many other churches in the land. Great is the power of the churches in any and every community—greater than they realize. And if one is head by example and educative influence to promote clean elections and frown down the deluding practices that have crept in, electoral corruption would be swept from the land.

That the good works is moving in the hearts and minds of other pastors and other churches we have abundant evidence. An instance of this was seen when a few nights ago we had Presbyterian, Catholic, Methodist and Baptist pastors speaking from one common platform in support of the movement to purge our representative system of its corrupt and corrupting elements. It is not for personal gain or personal glory that they have taken this step. They are here and throughout the province are putting their hands to this great work. They see the danger and the evil and they seek to save the community and the state.—Charlottetown Guardian.

### TRADE WITH UNITED STATES.

The facts of the situation are all to the advantage of Canada. During the fiscal year 1904-5 exports from the United States to Canada amounted to more than one hundred and forty million dollars in value. This was more than the value of our exports to the United States, while all South America took only one-third of the amount sent to the Dominion. In one year alone our imports from the United States increased ten million dollars in value. Commenting on these figures, the Eagle says they appeal to manufacturers and to the desire to cultivate this profitable trade and would welcome reciprocal legislation by congress. From the time of the abrogation of the Elgin reciprocity treaty, successive Canadian tariff acts contained a clause called the "Standing offer," which provided for a reduction of duties on United States products whenever congress lowered the duties on Canadian products. Reciprocity has, therefore, been within reach of our neighbors for many years, and their not having it is their own fault. The situation has changed. Owing to the insistent repudiation of our overtures made through the Joint High Commission of 1897, the standing offer has been dropped, and it is now for them to make the first advance. They cannot help seeing that the policy they are pursuing towards Canada is resulting greatly to strengthen her bonds to the Mother Country, and has done much to develop the spirit of Canadian self-reliance and independence.—Montreal Witness.



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Mean..... 48  
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## Victoria Weather

NOVEMBER.

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Lowest temperature... 30.4  
Mean temperature... 44.03  
Total precipitation for the month, 6.13 inch; average amount, 4.69. Total rainfall for 1906 to date, 23.67 inches.  
Bright sunshine, 76 hours and 6 minutes; mean daily proportion, 0.27 (constant sunshine being 1).

## TELLS OF CONDITIONS

### AT PRINCE RUPERT

E. G. Russell, Executive Agent of Grand Trunk Pacific Back From North

Two hundred and fifty men are employed at Prince Rupert in the construction of wharves and buildings. This statement is made by E. G. Russell, executive agent for the Grand Trunk Pacific railway in the west, who has just returned after an extended visit to the townsite selected as the Pacific coast terminus of the new transcontinental line. While there, he says, the weather was excellent. Mr. Russell will spend the major portion of the month of January in Victoria in the transaction of business concerning the company with which he is identified.

In an interview he asserted that the townsite of Prince Rupert would not be put on the market until next September. In discussing the work in progress at the new terminus Mr. Russell said that it was not expected that it would prove as great an undertaking as is now apparent. It has taken more time than was originally thought to get the ground in proper shape for building, and, although the weather recently has been as fine as could be desired, the work generally is not as far advanced as the directors of the company thought it would be at this time of the year.

In reference to the transportation service in vogue on the Pacific coast, Mr. Russell expressed the opinion that it was entirely inadequate. The demands, particularly along the northern coast were much in excess of what the steamships now engaged on the run could conveniently manage. The residents of the different parts were losing patience, he affirmed, and would insist that something be done to improve matters. Already there was quite an agitation which was gradually gaining strength. In his opinion it would not be long before the companies were forced to a realization of the seriousness of the situation.

Continuing he said: "No, climatic conditions are not as severe at Prince Rupert in the winter as they are at the Naas, at Port Simpson, or at the mouth of the Skeena river. Kaizen Island lies between the mouths of the Naas and Skeena rivers and the storms which sweep down the valleys

of those streams do not touch Prince Rupert, which is always favored by the warmth of the Japanese current. The temperature at Kaizen Island is always about fifteen degrees higher in the winter-time than that prevailing on the Naas or Skeena rivers. Neither is there so much snow or rain fall at the Grand Trunk Pacific port.

"Why, a few days ago, I was out on Prince Rupert harbor in a small boat when a tug came in from Port Simpson by way of Metlakatla, and her captain stated that he had on his trip just passed through one of the worst storms he had ever experienced in those waters. He had carried the storm all the way from Metlakatla, but even though this tempestuous weather was raging outside, the water was as calm as a millpond at Prince Rupert, and the weather was nice and warm. There was a little snow at Prince Rupert recently, but it did not amount to anything. It was accompanied by a light frost, which merely made the atmosphere bracing."

## FIRE ALARM COMPANY.

Annual General Meeting—Finances in Satisfactory Condition.

The first annual general meeting of the Canadian Taylor Automatic Fire Alarm and Call Bell Co., Ltd., was held on Tuesday evening in the Pioneer hall, Broad street. Frank Higgins, occupied the chair, and J. S. Murray acted as secretary.

The report of the provisional board of directors embodying the financial statement showed the company's finances to be in a very favorable condition.

The board of directors elected for the ensuing year were: Messrs. E. E. Welch, J. K. Rebeck, C. C. Johns, Wm. Renzie and Dr. Lewis Hall.

Considerable discussion arose on the question of what price shares should be sold at in the future. It was finally decided that on and after the 15th day of January, 1907, the shares which have been sold at par (\$5) should be sold at \$10 per share.

There was a disposition to raise the price at once, in view of the fact that there were already sufficient shares sold to enable the company to begin the manufacture and sale of the alarm buttons, but the meeting came to the conclusion that a short time should be given to enable those who had signified their intention of taking shares to do so.

The manufacture of the fire alarm buttons will mean another addition to the industries located in Victoria, and the installation of the alarms will incidentally advertise this city over the whole of Canada.

At the close of the meeting proper, Alfred Taylor, the inventor of the automatic fire alarm button, gave an interesting demonstration and talk on the system.

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## SPORTS

### FOOTBALL

Wanderers 2, Garrison 2

The positions in the race for the championship of the Victoria district league, remained unchanged after the game yesterday, the Wanderer-Garrison match ending in a draw. The game was a very poor exhibition, the play being seriously interfered with by the miserable condition of the grounds, which in some parts was covered with water, making it impossible for the players to work with any degree of accuracy. A crossbar also did its share towards spoiling what would otherwise have been a good game.

In the first half the Garrison had decidedly the best of it, although the Wanderer forwards had a couple of splendid openings which should have been in—especially when the ball was secured within a few yards of the goal and the player could not score. The Wanderers scored the first goal by a free kick from Goward. The Garrison evened matters before half time, when Provins sent in a shot that the goal tender could not negotiate. Following this the Wanderers tried hard to score again but half time was called with the score even.

On changing ends the Wanderers had the advantage of the wind for a time, but it gradually went down, till the advantage was very slight. At the commencement of the second half the Wanderers were pressing, but could not score although a similar opening was given to the same players who missed the opportunity in the first half. For a time the game resolved itself into a series of rushes, in which the Garrison had the best of the argument. Finally the ball was sent out to the right and McIntyre drove it across to Provins, who shot. The ball was blocked and a fight mixed-up occurred between two of the players and while the others stood and looked at the quarrel the ball slowly rolled through the goal, putting the Garrison in the lead.

The Wanderers settled down to work and for a time played better than during the entire match and as a result Schveens scored. They continued to press, but try as they might they could not score. In the meantime the Garrison forwards kept the Wanderer back division on the hustle. The Wanderers were given a fine chance to win the game about a minute before half time, but again the players who had already missed two chances were found wanting. The ball was being kicked out from the goal, and the goalkeeper made a poor kick. The ball went to the Wanderer forward, who promptly drove it about ten yards to one side. This was called with the play near the centre field.

Among the Garrison players, Provins and Williamson showed to good advantage and did yeoman service for their team, as did Cobbett at half back.

Rovers 4, Fifth Regiment 1

The Rovers increased their lead for the district championship yesterday afternoon at the expense of the Fifth Regiment at Work Point, when they defeated the citizen soldiers by the score of 4-1. During this match the Rovers have now got such a hold on the championship that it will be almost impossible to take it from them. So far they have not lost a game and a determined effort will be made to go through without having their colors lowered. Although the score against the Rovers was not so with the play and the Fifth Regiment had rather hard luck that they did not score more. The Regiment started the game with one man short and the Rovers had a little the best of the play, but when the extra man arrived the Regimental players showed that they knew something about the game and for a time gave the Rovers all they could do to withstand the onslaught.

Eventually the Rovers broke away and secured a corner kick, which was relieved by Kinlock, but Tye returned and Shanks scored the first goal for the Rovers. At half time the score stood one to nil in favor of the Rovers and



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shortly after play was resumed. More-dith scored another for the Rovers. The Regiment players did not quit at this but after testing the Rovers' goal tender, Fairshaw managed to elude him with a pretty shot.

This put more life in the game and it was not long before Shanks added another for the Rovers and the fourth was added by Tye shortly before time.

In playing this game the Regiment endeavored to break into the winning column and with any sort of luck would have downed the Rovers. The regiment players also show great pluck in remaining in the league in face of a sure loss for the pennant, but it is expected that they will lower the colors of some of the teams before the season is over. The game yesterday was refereed by E. M. Whyte.

Egeria 2, Y. M. C. A. 1

In a friendly match at Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon the Egeria team defeated the Y. M. C. A. by the score of 2-1. The game was very evenly contested and it was not till within a few minutes of the call of time that the Egeria players managed to score their winning goal. In the first half neither side scored, although both teams showed some good work. In the second half the Egeria took the lead and the Y. M. C. A. players got down to work and evened the score. Conditions remained unchanged till within two minutes of time, when by a combined rush on the part of the Egeria forwards the ball was sent over the line for the winning goal.

How They Stand

	Pld.	W.	L.	Drn.	Pts.
Rovers	6	5	0	1	11
Garrison	7	3	3	1	7
Wanderers	5	3	1	2	6
Y. M. C. A.	4	2	2	0	4
Victoria	1	1	3	0	2
Fifth Regiment	4	0	4	0	0

### HOCKEY

To Play Nanaimo

A misunderstanding between the members of the Victoria ladies' hockey club and High school girls, threatens to deprive Victoria of the opportunity of strengthening their team to play against Nanaimo on the 29th inst. The Victoria club was arranging to secure several of the High school players to assist. Yesterday, however, some of the High school girls objected to the others joining the club, and they, as a body, have declined to accept the invitation of the Victoria club. The team to represent the Victoria club was selected at a meeting yesterday afternoon. The team will be as follows: Goal, Miss Jay; backs, Misses Buckett and Lowe; half backs, Misses Crook, Nicholles and Hiseocks; forwards, Misses Atkinson, Raymur, Wilson, Clark and Roberts. In this connection, the management committee are very anxious that the players should take advantage of every opportunity to practice, as it is only by this method that any showing can be made against the players from the Coal city.

### SKATING

Another Race

An amateur race is being arranged by the management of the skating rink to take place early in the New Year. The race between Bell and Lelievre attracted so much attention that it was decided to hold a race in which all amateurs may compete. Already several local men have announced their attention of competing and it is expected that there will be enough entries to make the race very interesting.

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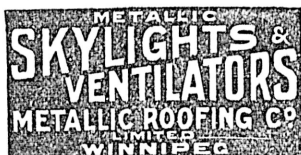
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## Local News

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**Anti-Tuberculosis Society.**—The special committee of the Anti-Tuberculosis society met at Bishop's Close on Friday evening when they selected committees to make a canvas for subscriptions. A meeting of the newly appointed committees will be held in the city hall Friday evening next at 8 o'clock. All interested in the movement are invited to be present. A donation of \$10 towards the fund was received from His Worship Mayor Morley yesterday.

**Hindu Sentenced.**—Mintemazee Singh a Sikh, who recently arrived from the Punjab was yesterday in the police court, charged with using grossly insulting language to a woman resident on Cormorant street. He pleaded not guilty, and evidence was given against him by the woman. The public was excluded; the case being heard behind closed doors. It seems the brown man went to the residence and asked for milk. This was given him and he asked permission to heat it at the kitchen stove. While thus engaged the Sikh turned to the woman and used the insulting language complained of. An interpreter explained the ignorance of the man regarding local conditions and the magistrate was lenient in consideration of this. The accused was fined \$50 with the option of a month's imprisonment. He had \$28 only, and failing to borrow from compatriots, he went to jail.

**Appeal Refused.**—In the county court yesterday morning, Frank Higgins applied for leave to appeal to the full court against the sentence of three years' imprisonment given Walter J. Woods on the charge of stealing \$260 from the person of Alex. Menagh at Sidney on November 23. He argued that no direct evidence had been given in the police court that Menagh had the money when he went to the Sidney hotel; nor was there any direct evidence that Woods had stolen it from the person of Menagh, as charged. Mr. McLean, deputy attorney general, and George Morphy appeared for the crown. Mr. McLean held that the evidence was sufficient to prove Woods had taken the money. His Honor Judge Lauman held there was no doubt as to Wood's guilt and denied the application. Mr. Morphy applied for an order that the money now in court, \$160, be returned to Mr. Menagh. This was issued.

**Evangelist To Speak.**—A service of unusual interest will be held in Emmanuel Baptist church at the end of the Spring Ridge car line this evening. Evangelist J. L. McComb, a convert of the world-famous Water Street mission of New York will be the speaker, he is senior being the conversion of Jerry McAuley. Mr. McComb has been companion and co-laborer with Dr. Chapman in his continental campaign of evangelistic work, proving one of the most successful of the band of missionaries. He is an eloquent and powerful speaker. For several weeks he has been conducting city mission work in Vancouver, a dozen or more professing conversion every evening. The city pastors have now taken hold of the work and under their lead an extended campaign is to be conducted after the holidays. A number of the converts of the Vancouver mission will be with Mr. McComb this evening, one of them a young man who was in the South African war and who has since been a Socialist street preacher. The public is cordially invited. A special effort will be made by the church to find seats for all who come.

The Drawing for doll and big engine takes place at the Bee Hive, 84 Douglas street, on Friday night at 8 o'clock.

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**Governor's Reception.**—His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will hold a reception at Government House on New Year's day, from 3 to 6 p. m.

**For the Orphans.**—The honorary treasurer of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home acknowledges with thanks a further donation of \$7.70 from the "Jester Club" of Lake district.

**Socialist Lecturer.**—George H. Goebel, a national organizer of the Socialist party of the United States, will deliver a lecture in Victoria on the evening of Friday, Jan. 4. Mr. Goebel is well known throughout the United States and Canada as an able lecturer.

**Mr. McKay Thanked.**—The Local Council of Women decided to extend its sincere thanks to E. B. McKay, surveyor-general, for his services in preparing the illuminated address for presentation to Mrs. Paterson, wife of the lightkeeper at Cape Beale.

**Special Services.**—The services at First Presbyterian church today will partake largely of a musical character, some of the best vocalists in the city taking part, including Miss Cameron, Mrs. Gregson, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Wilson, A. Bremner, R. Morrison, W. D. Kinnaird, J. G. Brown. The subjects of Dr. Campbell's discourses will be "The Birth of Christ," and "Music and Hymnology of the Church."

**Laid at Rest.**—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Jane McKenzie took place yesterday afternoon from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing company, at 2:30. Services were conducted by the Rev. F. T. Tapscott. There was a large attendance of friends. The following acted as pallbearers: Capt. J. G. Searle, Capt. H. Parson, G. Germain, G. G. W. Clark, J. McPherson, W. E. Laird.

**Song Service.**—The evening service in the Metropolitan Methodist church will be specially interesting. It will take the form of a Christmas song service. The choir, augmented by outside talent, will render several selections. Mrs. F. C. Spencer, soloist in one of the largest churches in St. John, N. B., will render a solo, and will also sing a duet with Miss Charlotte Spencer, who will be leaving Victoria in a few weeks to tour the world with Madame Albani. Gideon Hicks will render a solo. The general public is cordially invited.

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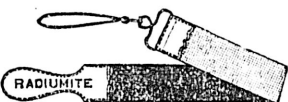
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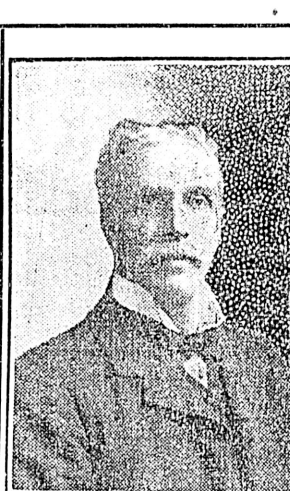
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A meeting of the Conservatives of the Esquimalt Electoral District will be held at the Schoolhouse, Lamson St., Esquimalt District, on Thursday, the 27th day of December instant, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the approaching election.  
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**DAY OF BIG THINGS**  
**IN ATLIN MINING**  
Fletcher Hamshaw Tells of Great Achievements of McKee Creek Company

Fletcher T. Hamshaw, of Hamshaw Bros., New York, and manager of the McKee Creek Mining Co., Ltd., of Atlin, spent yesterday in the city, a guest at the Deland. In an interview with the Colonist he said:

"It is our intention to put a steam shovel plant on McKee creek, at Atlin, next summer. We purchased this property three years ago, and in addition to our operations, that have proved profitable each year, we have thoroughly prospected our ground for its entire length, a distance of over six miles, and have proved the pay to an extent in width for 1,200 feet. The miners of the Atlin district are just beginning to realize that the extent of the gold-bearing deposits in that section is enormous. Most of the creeks have been partially worked by individual miners, but their operations have practically ceased, for their work was chiefly confined to the centre of the creeks, and then only on such portions as were shallow to bed-rock, and when conditions would admit of hand working.

**Great Low-Grade Deposits**  
"Contrary to previous reports, Atlin is not a rich diggings, but it is the most extensive even low-grade deposit I have ever seen. I do not know of a creek in the district that has been thoroughly prospected that carries a blanch, and so even is the pay distributed that after a pit has been hydraulicked you can measure it up and tell with a reasonable degree of accuracy the amount of gold you will recover.

"The entire country is strictly a bed-rock run of gold, and in most instances carries heavy wash on the rock. A larger amount of the rough prospecting has been done in the district than heretofore for purposes already stated, for capital now will not speculate on probabilities. They want to know, and have a right to know, that the deposit not only carries gold in commercial quantities, but that its extent will justify the erection of a plant adequate to the prospect. And further, that the class of plant to be erected shall be adopted to the character and composition of the material to be handled. I consider that there is less risk in placer than in any other kind of mining, for if it is thoroughly prospected, you can estimate closely the approximate amount that your deposit carries, and the balance is simply a matter of calculation. It is not a matter of faith, as in the case of a railroad contractor's job. There are no technicalities whatever. You have an average valuation of so many cents per cubic yard, according to the prospect, that can be moved and washed at a given cost. You can work so many hours a day, and so many days a year, and at a given yardage per day your property will last a certain length of time, and any one can catch the gold.

**Why Some Men Fail**  
"The usual failures in mining are not on account of the ground, but the incompetency and impracticability of the persons sent to manage the operations. Because a man is a druggist, chemist, dentist, or bank clerk does not necessarily follow that he will make a miner. The question that should be asked is, 'What do you know about handling dirt?' A man is sent out to manage the operation of a mine who has probably been behind a desk all his life, and usually one who has also no knowledge whatever of the handling of men in that class of work, and who, from a practical standpoint could not tell a horse hay rake from a fresh milk cow. And then you wonder why mining don't pay. Mining does pay, and it pays well when ordinary intelligence is displayed in the selection of the men in charge.

"The summer months are superb. Transportation facilities are improving each year. Litigation will soon be a thing of the past, for the greater part of the country will be in the hands of half a dozen people. Much credit is due the government, Mr. Fraser, and Dr. Young, our miner, Mr. Fraser, and Dr. Young, our miner, in the interpretation of the mining laws, and the adjustment of difficulties arising in the district."

In speaking of the steam shovel plant to be installed, he said: "The steam shovel will be operated in conjunction with the hydraulics already in operation. I will hydraulic off the top material down to within 12 feet of bed-rock, and pick up the gold-bearing gravel, and together with 4 feet of soft bed rock with the steam shovel."

**Description of Plant**  
"The plant will consist of a Buoy-110-ton steam shovel, one mile of railroad and switches, 30 6-cubic yard cars, 2 20-ton electric locomotives and 1 1/2 mile of flume. A permanent wash station will be built on the lower end of the dump, giving a 100 feet of a near the canon, giving a point where dump, and the dump is at a point where the creek has a 12 per cent grade. Ten cars will be dumped at one time, and all cars will be hydraulicked on the grizzlies under 150-foot head. There is a 120-foot dump for the grizzly. The system is gravity throughout. Owing to the heavy grade on this creek, the haul will be less than one-half mile on a 120-foot dump for the grizzly. The down grade of 1 foot per 1,000 feet, the physical conditions are very favorable to economical working. A small sawmill will be taken in this winter on the ice, and the lumber sawed on the ground.

"The Guggenheims have made a success of their steam shovel on Tar Flats this summer, and I understand that that bonded one-third of the district, so that I expect next year will see a great deal of prospecting work, and the installation of new plants will greatly add to Atlin's output, and make it one of the heaviest gold-producing sections of the North."

Mr. Hamshaw left last night for Seattle, returning to his New York office about the first of the year.

**THE STAGE.**

**"The Yankee Consul"**  
The coming to the Victoria theatre on Monday, December 24th, of that delightful comic opera triumphs "The Yankee Consul" will be an event of unusual importance. The "Consul" is conceded to be the peer of any comic opera offering piquancy during the past decade. Effervescent, bright and sparkling dialogue, catchy music with numerous song hits, a splendid cast, and a magnificent scenic investiture mark this season's production.  
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that had been seen in a decade. For an entire season the play was presented in the metropolis, during which time it played a record-breaking and popular popularity was still further demonstrated by the phenomenal receipts during the engagements in Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and other large cities. Manager John P. Slocum, under whose able direction the play will be seen in the larger cities this season, has selected Harry Short, the noted comedian, and has selected a supporting cast numbering sixty-six people, the largest company ever sent on tour. The beauty charms have been especially selected, and nearly fifty graceful girls, gorgeously costumed, are included in the personnel. The stage settings are magnificent productions of the scenic artist's craft and the effects are of the most brilliant and colorful. The play is the joint work of Henry M. Blossom and Alfred G. Robyn. The book and lyrics, which abound in brilliant, rollicking humor, are the results of Mr. Blossom's efforts, while Mr. Robyn is responsible for the bright, catchy, tuneful music, with which the play abounds.


**The New Grand**  
Heading the strong programme which Harry Short has arranged for Christmas week and which opens with the matinee tomorrow afternoon, will be the Little Trio of comedy actors and horizontal bar performers, introducing their novelty rebounding trampolene act. There will also be the Three Millards. In a comedy musical act entitled "At the Green's Visit" in which they are selected on various musical instruments. Italy Millard is a pretty and exceedingly clever child artist. Miss Green's dancing, which will be heard in popular and classical selections; Pay Robert is reported to have a great black-face act; George F. Green, with singing, dancing and song. When the Mocking Bird is Singing in the "Wildwood," and the new moving pictures with illustrated "How the Office Boy Saved the Day." The week will open with the matinee tomorrow and there will be the usual matinee and night performances on Christmas Day and for the balance of the week.

**Christmas Play at Empress**  
Tomorrow evening the Empress stock company will produce the powerful religious play "Through the Gates of Heaven," for the first time in Victoria. The play has scored successes in several of the larger American cities, and two years ago played to capacity houses in Seattle. It deals with the conflict between authority and humanity, and the doctrine of hell, when the infant faith found itself growing in strength in the face of opposition and insult, and slowly, but surely, conquering the dogmatic and doctrine of heathenism. "Through the Gates of Heaven" vividly portrays the conflict, in its physical and moral phases, with the Christians on the defensive and the Pagans unrelentingly aggressive.

Miss Knutvold will play the leading female role of Fabiola and, in delivering the play, will have much scope for a display of her emotional abilities. Every role has been placed in good hands and a smooth, interesting presentation should be assured. The cast will be augmented and the piece will be presented with an adequate scenic and costume investiture. The production is the biggest yet undertaken by the Empress stock company, and will be played all week with a special matinee on Christmas Day in addition to the afternoon performances on Wednesday and Saturday.

**Big Scenic Production**  
The big scenic production "Quincy Adams Sawyer" in play form will be seen here Christmas night, December 25, at the Victoria theatre. This engagement will attract more than any other, and because the famous story of the same name, from which the play is taken, became recognized at once when it came out over five years ago as "the best New England story ever written" and has continued to be known ever since as one of the best selling books in the country. Like father, like son, they say. And so like book, like dramatization.

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## STRIKING HOLIDAY WINDOW DISPLAYS

Brief References to Some of the More Beautiful Store Attractions

The gentle art of dressing used to be confined to the adornment of the human form divine, but nowadays many of its brightest conceptions are found in embellishments of merchants' windows. This combination of artistic designs and the advertising of merchandise has some of its brightest evidences in the city of Victoria. Everything is brought into requisition from filmy lace to bottles of Scotch, from milady's dainty glove to the lounging robe of her husband.

A tour through the retail district affords many evidences of this combination of beauty and utility. Without question the interior decorations and show windows of David Spencer, Ltd., are unique and superb in design. The realistic Santa Claus tableaux in their Broad street window was well thought out and gives a lot of happiness to the little ones. Upon inquiry it is learned that the whole of these unparalleled productions were originated and arranged by Albert Lawrence, who has supervised and completed the whole of them. The talent he has displayed is highly creditable.

The display made by Dixi H. Ross & Co. may be best described as a picture in two sections, things good to eat and things good to drink. In the spacious south window the floor is covered with sultanas and table raisins in diamond shaped divisions, here and there a layer of glass cherries adding the necessary touch of brightness. Tier on tier above them rise all classes of Christmas confections. Dainty boxes of all the colors of the rainbow enclose these delicious treats, the particular design and shining strips of tinsel reflect the brilliance of the electric light. Liquid refreshments of every kind appear to the north of the entrance. Cases of champagne hobnob with liquor flasks and above all is a banner depicting Father Christmas with a glass of extra dry in his hand wishing the same to you and many of them.

That pocket handkerchiefs can be applied to artistic use is well exemplified in the north window of Henry Young & Co. A belfry with its Christmas bell is composed entirely of these useful and generally unassuming articles of necessity. The other window also gives an impression of whiteness, suitable for the season in other places but only legendary in Victoria. Laces as fine as cobwebs, fans of the same filmy texture, decorated with silver spangles only required the dark brown of the furs also shown to complete a particularly attractive display.

Snow, but only symbolical, is used with great effect at Fred Carne's grocery. It descends from ceiling to floor of a window filled with bonbons and crackers, inadvertently, or by design, flowers gleam through the snowflakes, giving just the right impression of the city. Snow may be in the air or in people's thoughts but it hardly ever reaches the ground in Victoria.

Glistening cutlery and the sheen of brightly polished metal makes the windows of the Ogilvie Hardware company as bright as day at midnight. Carvers with stag horn handles, worthy of dissecting the king of birds, are there in many varieties. Presents for ladies and gentlemen in the newest designs, and all with polished surfaces reflect every ray of light and attract a host of observers. Many of those who stopped to look remain to pay.

A five gallon bottle of Scotch, that but for its shape and material would be termed a demijohn, and bearing the brand "West End," at once calls attention to the West End Grocery. There is a window full of bottles, rising pyramidally, until, surmounting them is the dandy of all just referred to. Christmas fruit is used to advantage in the other window. All kinds, beautifully arranged, and backed by pyramids of apples and oranges together make a display pleasing to the eyes of all that will eventually tickle the stomachs of many.

Electric light gleaming through laces causes everyone to linger for a minute in front of the premises occupied by the Union Electric company. The electro-fitter, that comes from Venice, is only one of many that can be seen from the outside. There are also reading lamps with many varieties of shades, and all of ornate design, and many of the latest wrinkles in the domestic use of electricity complete a showing of articles that are as useful as the display is artistic.

Interpersed with crimson Christmas bells, calls attention to the windows of G. A. Fraser. Drugs have disappeared for the time being from sight, though near at hand for the small boy on the morning after Christmas. In their stead there are perfumes and nairons and other dainty seasonable presents.

Though Weiler Brothers windows are always most artistically arranged a special effort has been put forward in seasonable decorations. Glass, textiles and furniture are the chief objects displayed. The south window on Government street is ablaze with libby glassware, cut with diamond like precision and etching every ray of light. Drapings of white and crimson plush afford a most effective background. In the north window on the same street there is artistic display, though the curtains and portieres forming the background are draped with careless grace. The upper parts of the windows are decorated with trellis work at apple green and pink. Both the Broughton street windows are filled with furniture, every piece suitable for a Christmas present. From the replicas of old mission styles, and the spindle like Chippendale to the newest product of twentieth century artistry, all modes have choice representatives and both usefulness and beauty have been combined in this splendid showing.

Revelled glass, scintillant in its casings of highly polished Australian beechwood forms a fitting surroundings for the wealth of beautiful objects displayed in the windows of Challoner and Mitchell. While jewelry forms the principal feature many other articles add to the pleasantness of the display. Diamonds reflect the rays of every fugitive lightbeam, sapphires blue as the sea shine through highly polished facets, rubies glow like solidified clots of within lit blood. Less expensive, but equally suitable for mementos are silver embellished jewel boxes of velvet fawn colored fungus, Candelabras and clocks, umbrellas and other seasonable goods make one of the best showings in the city.

These are only slight references to some of the principal window displays. Many others, of equal attractiveness, have, necessarily been omitted but enough is here given to afford some idea of the showing made by Victoria stores this Christmas. One other, and rapidly growing more important feature is the growth of overhead electric signs. These add much to the attractiveness of the

business streets at all seasons of the year and when every night, as at present, festoons of brightly gleaming bulbs stretch across the principal highways there is an appearance of festivity that very few cities of the size of Victoria can equal.

## GOLD FROM PARIS.

London, Dec. 22.—The Bank of England today brought \$4,105,000 in American Eagles from Paris.

## FIREMAN KILLED.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 22.—Fireman Desmond, of Stratford, was killed and Fireman Knight injured, as a stalled train backed down hill into the engine and cars in which the men were.

## PREMIER SCOTT ILL.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 22.—Premier Walter Scott is down with an attack of pneumonia. His temperature is up to 103 and while the malady will have to run its course, no serious results are feared.

## WILD IN OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Ottawa has gone wild on Cobalt mining. Over three hundred citizens who have subscribed \$910,000 for the lease of Cobalt lake met tonight and endorsed the action of the trustees who bid \$1,085,000 for the property. The Pellatt syndicate of Toronto, has a quarter interest. A company was incorporated today with a capital of \$15,000,000.

## CREW RESCUED.

New York, Dec. 22.—A despatch from Buenos Ayres to the Herald says: The Argentine steamship Cashalote coming from the south has brought here the captain and 20 seamen of the Norwegian steamship Frithof which was wrecked during a whaling expedition at South Georgia in the Antarctic on Nov. 20. Nine of the crew were lost in the disaster. The Frithof is the same vessel that was sent in Nov. 1903 to rescue the Hordenskjold Antarctic expedition.

## IN LINE WITH THE PURE FOOD LAW.

The National Food and Drug Act which takes effect Jan. 1, 1907, does not affect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in any manner. No special labels are required on this remedy under that Act, as it is free from opiates and narcotics of every character, making it a safe remedy for mothers to use with their children. This remedy has been in use for so many years, and its good qualities are so well known, that no one need hesitate to use it when troubled with a cough or cold. For sale by all druggists.

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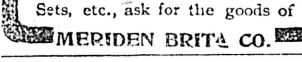
When you buy spoons, forks, knives, etc., look for the trade mark.

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In buying Candelsticks, Tea Sets, etc., ask for the goods of

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## Department of Mines.

### Coal Mines Regulation Act.

Boards of Examiners.  
Notice is hereby given that the following constitute the Boards of Examiners for the various collieries during the year 1907:

#### CUMBERLAND COLLIERY.

Appointed by the Owners—Charles Matthews.

Alternates—David Walker, David Neilist.

Appointed by the Lieut.-Governor in Council—John Kelsey.

Elected by the Miners—Thomas Ripley.

Alternates—John Horbury, Daniel Stewart.

#### EXTENSION COLLIERY.

Appointed by the Owners—James Sharp.

Alternates—Alex. Bryden, Alex. Shaw.

Appointed by the Lieut.-Governor in Council—W. G. Simpson.

Elected by the Miners—Thomas Doherty.

Alternates—William Anderson, Benjamin Berto.

All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. W. G. Simpson, of Ladysmith, B. C.

#### NANAIMO COLLIERY.

Appointed by the Owners—Thomas Mills.

Alternates—George Wilkinson, Charles Graham.

Appointed by the Lieut.-Governor in Council—Thomas Budge.

Elected by the Miners—John Carr.

Alternates—Thomas P. Piper, George Moore.

All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. Thomas Budge, of Nanaimo, B. C.

#### MICHEL COLLIERY.

Appointed by the Owners—Robert Strachan.

Alternates—John John, James Derlyshire.

Appointed by the Lieut.-Governor in Council—Evan Evans.

Elected by the Miners—Sidney Birt.

Alternates—Joseph Thomas, John Laurson.

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#### COALCREEK COLLIERY.

Appointed by the Owners—David Martin.

Alternates—John Huat, Henry Mard.

Appointed by the Lieut.-Governor in Council—John McIlmont.

Elected by the Miners—W. H. Moore.

Alternates—Charles Webster, Abraham Brown.

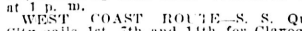
All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. John McIlmont, of Fernie, B. C.

Note. Alternates act as Members of the Board in the absence of those regularly appointed or elected to act thereon.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1906.

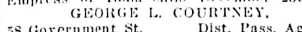
RICHARD McBRIDE,

Minister of Mines.



## British Columbia Coast Service

VICTORIA-VANCOUVER ROUTE.—S. S. Chamer sails for Vancouver daily at 1 a. m.; returning sails from Vancouver daily at 1 p. m.  
WIDE COAST ROUTE.—S. S. Queen City sails 1st, 7th and 14th for Clayoquot, Mosquito Harbor and way ports. Sails on 20th for Quich and way ports.  
NORTHERN B. C. ROUTE.—S. S. Tees sails 1st and 15th of each month.  
FOR SKAGWAY — S. S. Annu sails December 21st.  
CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN S. S. LINE.—R. M. S. Annapolis, Jan. 4th, 1907.  
FOR CHINA AND JAPAN.—R. M. S. Empress of India sails December 25th.  
GEORGE L. COURTNEY,  
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For rates, freight and further particulars apply at office, 53 Wharf street.

## ESQUIMALT AND NANAIMO RAILWAY

### TIME TABLE No. 1

Daily.			Sat., Sun. and Wed.		
Northbound Southbound			Northbound Southbound		
Leave.	Arrive.		Leave.	Arrive.	
A.M.	P.M.		P.M.	P.M.	
Victoria	0:00	12:05	Victoria	3:00	0:55
		A.M.			
Cobble Hill	10:40	10:40	Cobble Hill	4:30	5:22
Duncans	11:00	10:02	Duncans	4:58	4:58
Nanaimo	12:35	8:15	Nanaimo	6:30	3:15
Wellington	Ar. 12:53	De. 8:00	Wellington	Ar. 6:45	De. 8:00

### THROUGH TICKETS TO CROFTON

Via Westholme. Stage leaves Daily except Sundays, connecting with trains. Double stage service Saturdays and Wednesdays. Single fare \$2.40; return fare, \$3.00.

Excursion Rates between all stations Saturdays and Sundays.

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### NEW WARD SYSTEM.

To Be Used for the First Time in the Coming Municipal Contest.

At the approaching municipal elections the new ward system will be utilized for the first time. For general information it may be stated that the exact boundaries are as follows:

Ward 1 includes the whole of Victoria West. Starting on the harbor front, it runs along Yates to Government street, and thence out to the Saanich road. Along the Saanich road, the boundary runs to Tolmie avenue, which it follows to Burnside road. From Burnside road the limits of Ward 1 extend down Harriet road to the Gorge, crossing which, they follow Dominion and Hereward streets to the harbor.

Ward 2 includes the greater part of the city immediately to the east of Government street. It is bounded on the north by Tolmie avenue, and on the south by Yates, Blanchard, Pandora and Quadra streets, the somewhat devious course of the southern boundary line being caused by an arm from Ward 3, which runs into Government street. On the east it is defined by a line running approximately due north from Chambers street to Bay street, and thence along the eastern boundary of section 4. On the west Ward 2 runs to Government street, which the boundary line follows to Queen's avenue. From Queen's avenue it runs to Saanich road, which it follows to the city boundary on Tolmie street.

Ward 3 takes in the greater part of what was formerly known as the Central electoral district. Its northern boundary is the city limits, and thence it extends on the south to Fort street, which the boundary follows until it merges with the Cadboro Bay road, and thence along Oak Bay avenue to the city limits. On the east the ward extends to the city limits, and on the west to the boundaries of Ward 2.

Ward 4 consists of a triangular tract, which includes much of that part of the city which has lately been subdivided and thrown open for purchase. Its northern boundary is Fort street, Cadboro Bay road and Oak Bay avenue, while on the south it extends to Fairfield road. Owing to the efforts of the arrangers of the wards to give Ward 4 a little piece of land on Government street, its southeast boundary is somewhat complicated, following Humboldt, Churchway, Labouchere and Collinson streets, thus giving the ward a single block on the east of Government street. To the east the ward extends to the city limits.

Ward 5 comprises the whole of the James Bay residential district, as well as the water lots and wharves lying between the post office and James Bay. The ward has one little piece on Government street, that block between Bastion and Humboldt streets. On the north it extends to the boundaries of Ward 4, while on the three remaining sides it is defined by the city limits and the sea.

Harmony Hall Mission.—At Harmony hall mission, View street, the Sunday school Christmas gathering will be held at 10 o'clock today. There will be special music and an address by A. J. Bruce, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. A special invitation is issued to parents and friends.

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Electrician Workers ..... 3rd Friday  
Garment Workers ..... 1st Monday  
Laborers ..... 1st and 3rd Friday  
Leather Workers ..... 4th Thursday  
Longshoremen ..... Every Monday  
Lumber Carriers ..... 4th Wednesday  
Machinists ..... 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Musicians ..... 1st Sunday in Quarter  
Painters ..... 1st and 3rd Monday  
Printers ..... 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Shipwrights ..... 2nd and 4th Thursday  
Stonecutters ..... 2nd Thursday  
Street Railway Employees ..... 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Tailors ..... 1st Monday  
Typographical ..... Last Sunday  
T. & L. Connors ..... 1st and 3rd Wednesday  
Waiters ..... 1st and 3rd Tuesday

Secretaries of labor unions will confer a favor upon the Labor Editor if they will forward any items of general interest occurring in their unions to The Colonist.

The striking lithographers are steadily making gains in their eight-hour fight.

Last year the salaries of 24,000 elementary school teachers in Ohio averaged but 72 cents a day.

Five hundred Racine, Wis., plow workers have gone on strike against a 25 per cent reduction.

A labor party has been organized at Moose Jaw, which has representatives in the field for the coming municipal elections.

Frank Sherman has been re-elected president of the United Mine Workers of America for District No. 18, British Columbia.

A branch of the Journeymen Stonecutters' Association of North America has been organized at Regina, Saskatchewan.

Frederick Northrup, a member of Poughkeepsie Typographical Union No. 215, was elected assemblyman at the recent New York state election.

Denver (Col.) cigarmakers have asked for an increase of \$1 a thousand, and intend starting a co-operative factory if it is not granted.

The iron workers of Lancaster, Pa., after a strike lasting five months have succeeded in obtaining their demands and have returned to work.

Within one week the blacksmiths of Sacramento, Cal., have taken into their union 150 members. All the men employed at the trade on the Southern Pacific Railway are now organized.

Hamilton, Ont. Printers Union No. 129, which was suspended a few months ago for failure to pay the 10 per cent assessment, has met its arrears to the parent body and been reinstated, the reinstatement dating from November 5.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux, minister of labor, has given notice of a bill in the Federal House to aid in preventing and settling strikes and lockouts in coal mines, which is based upon the recommendations of Mackenzie King in his report on the settlement of the Lethbridge coal strike.

A uniform scale of 50 cents an hour and time and a half for overtime is to be paid longshoremen henceforth for handling lumber along the North Pacific coast. The old rate was 40 cents an hour and 60 cents for overtime.

The mines at Lethbridge, Alta., are once again lonesome. Men are timbering underground, and the work is being rapidly done. The output is increasing, but is yet under 400 tons. The strikers are returning and all are being given work as soon as work is available.

The Shipwrights and Caulkers' Association of Victoria and Esquimalt

have donated the sum of \$25 to be distributed per capita between the Protestant and Roman Catholic orphanages.

The Standard Oil company have announced that it will advance the wages of all its employees now receiving less than \$100 a month by ten per cent beginning January 1.

The Cigarmakers' International Union is considering a plan of loaning surplus funds of the organization to members on easy terms for the purpose of building homes or starting in business.

One hundred Chinese recently arrived at Gainsboro, Fla., to take the places of the striking men in the turpentine fields. They are to receive 80 cents a day, while the strikers asked \$1.50 and \$2.

The existence of tuberculosis among workmen has led nearly every national union in the world to the consideration of Labor to consider plans for the establishment of homes for their consumptive members, similar to that of the printers.

The celebrated works of Krupp, at Essen, Madgeburg, Kiel, Annen and at their ore and coal mines, in Germany, in April, 1900, in their employ 32,553 persons, of whom 5,085 were officials and clerks, against a total of 53,816 employees in the year before.

Reporting on aid for the unemployed, John Burns, president of the British Local Government Board, states that \$30,000 spent in emigrating 2,250 workmen yields better results than ten times the amount spent on labor and farm colonies.

The building trades of San Francisco are complaining that the town is being flooded with workmen, the housing of whom has become a serious problem. They also state that there are already more men in the city than there is work for.

Out of 800 printers formerly on strike in Chicago not one remains on the strike-pay roll, all having returned to work on the eight-hour agreement. The Philadelphia firms who were the first to block out the printers in August, 1905, had lately conceded the demands of the union for an eight-hour day.

The Stonecutters' Association of Victoria has made a grant of \$25 to the Anti-Tuberculosis society in aid of the proposed sanatorium, the money of the resolution said in moving that the grant be made, that the stone-cutters hoped the other societies and organizations of the province would be stimulated to make similar grants.

Examinations for stationary engineers certificates were held last week at the parliament buildings, when 22 sat for examination. Mr. Baxter, the district inspector of machinery was the presiding examiner, and Chief Inspector Peck and Inspector Goldie from New Westminster. Some forty candidates made application to sit. Of these five were for second class, about twenty for third class and eighteen for the fourth class.

John F. Stevens, chief engineer of the Panama canal in speaking of the conditions on the Isthmus, said: "There are at present at work on the canal 17,000 men, 5,000 of whom are white. There are no Chinese. The best workmen are the Italians and Spaniards. There has not been a death since July, when I went down, and very little sickness."

John Armstrong, the newly appointed secretary of the Ontario Labor Bureau, has extended the usefulness of that department by inaugurating employment branches in Hamilton and London, thus enabling the laboring class to come in closer touch with the possibilities of securing employment. This will also be the means of suppressing the fraudulent employment agencies conducted by individuals.

At a meeting of the Independent Labor party held at Lismythis last week, a platform was introduced and adopted.

ed by the meeting. The platform advocates government ownership of all Dominion, Provincial and Municipal utilities, also urges the exclusion of all undesirable emigrants, and a universal eight-hour day for all wage-earners.

Cooks' and Waiters' Union, (Local 459) has organized under very favorable auspices. The nights of meeting are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month. The charter will close on the 8th of January. There are new members coming in every meeting.

The Barbers' Local Union has been formed and the following officers elected: President, H. Earle; vice-president, C. R. Johnston; financial secretary, E. J. Harris; treasurer, T. McAvoy; inside guard, W. Ferris; inspector, W. Eccles; chaplain, W. McAllister; trustees, C. R. Johnston, P. Paulson and J. Meldrum; delegates to the Trades and Labor Council, E. J. Harris and W. Jones. The membership roll includes practically every barber in the city, numbering about 80. The next meeting of the union will be held January 7, 1907.

The secretary of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress has sent out an appeal to all affiliated unions asking for subscriptions to a fund for the purpose of taking to the Privy Council if necessary, the case of the Metallic Roofing Company vs. Local Union No. 30 of Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers of Toronto.

An increase of 4 cents an hour has been granted to the railroad trainmen by the general managers of the roads west of Buffalo. J. B. Connors, vice grand master of the brotherhood, has announced that the increase is satisfactory to the organization. About 15,000 men are affected.

It is reported that the Typographical Association of England is moving in the matter of apprentices, and seeks the support of employers in respect of seeing to the fitness of those about to be apprenticed to the craft. It also urges the necessity for all-round training, rather than learning a special branch.

In Norway there were in 1903 two unions in the printing and bookbinding trades, with 27 branches and 1,514 members. Their total income for the year was £3,054, expenditures £2,437, leaving a balance in hand of £2,419. In Sweden there were in 1903 in the printing and bookbinding trades 101 unions, with 5,638 members.

Announcement has been made that the wages of miners in the Aspen (Col.) silver district will be increased from \$2.50 to \$2.75 a day. Several thousand men are benefitted by the advance, which is made possible by the recent steady gain in the price of silver.

If the members disagree upon any proposed question in which the franchise of the voter is involved, says the Typographical Journal, the union has neither authority of law, power nor privilege to attempt to coerce the voter or dictate how that franchise shall be exercised. That is the extent to which the union can be taken into politics.

In Germany, in 1904, 147,399 persons in the printing trade were insured against accident. There were four deaths paid for under the insurance scheme, and 310 cases in respect of which compensation was assessed. In Austria there were 27,237 persons in the printing and allied trades insured in 1903, two deaths, and 153 accidents for which compensation was assessed.

Representatives of 200,000 organized workmen in the metal industries of America met in congress in Chicago recently to discuss the question of setting a date for the inauguration of the eight-hour day. The convention was held under the auspices of the Metal Trades Federation of North America, and represented machinists, iron moulders, blacksmiths, boiler makers, electrical workers, pattern makers, metal polishers engineers, and firemen.

The eight-hour day of the printers

is now an established fact, says the Journeyman Barber, as over 90 per cent. of the men have returned to work under these improved conditions. Barbers are still working in some places from daylight until the boss gets sleepy and as he suffers from insomnia, his sleeplessness only occurs at rare intervals, while the jour is sleeping all the time, for if he were not, he would join a union and then have that union establish civilized hours and wages.

President Gompers, in his annual report to the American Federation of Labor convention, says of the printers' struggle for the eight-hour day: "The union printers deserve the highest commendation for the splendid struggle which they have made and are making, and for the great achievements they have won. Whatever may come or go, the International Typographical Union has irrevocably established the great boon of the eight-hour workday in the printing craft."

On Monday, October 1, the fifty-first anniversary of the eight-hour workday was celebrated in Sydney, N. S. Wales. On the Saturday evening preceding "labor's gala day" a banquet was held in the trades hall, while on Monday the parade of labor unions was followed by a programme of events on the agricultural grounds during the daytime and cycling contests in the evening on the cricket grounds. Fifty-three trades and nineteen bands took part in the parade.

### Boston's Bill for Beans

There is no joke about Boston's appetite for baked beans, although often joked about. It is a healthy, robust appetite, and it costs money.

Every year more money is spent in Boston buying baked beans than would be required for the purchase of the largest battleship in Uncle Sam's navy. In time The Hague peace conference may do away with the necessity for battleships, but the humble bean, like the babbling brook, promises to go on forever.

Think of one city's bean bill amounting to over \$6,500,000 a year! Suppose the appetite spreads like a contagion, and the Boston bean suppliers, the Philadelphia pie, the Baltimore fried oyster, the Cincinnati trout and the Chicago sausage, King Corn's supremacy in the land would be seriously threatened.

A few figures will throw a flood of light upon the brown stream of the popular edible that is steadily pouring down Boston's throat.

In 1904, for example, the gross receipt of beans in the city of Boston, New England amounted to 68,732 barrels of five bushels each, or 343,660 bushels.

This immense trade in a single article aroused no especial comment in Boston, but it was a source of widespread, soulful satisfaction.

Why shouldn't there be satisfaction—contentment with life in general and the bean situation in particular—since that great bulk of 343,660 bushels meant 10,977,120 quarts, weighing 21,994,240 pounds.

Think of 10,977 tons of a savory, steaming, appetizing edible upon the dinner table and the lunch counter!

It is estimated that the population of Boston is, approximately, 553,000; her bean receipts for last year sufficient to give every inhabitant, men, women and children—even the babies in arms—thirty-seven quarts or 148 pounds of delicious baked beans.

Naturally, the babies did not appreciate the delicacy and made no objections when their portions went to some one else. Many persons, therefore, got more than their thirty-seven quarts. The average price at which the wholesale dealers sold the beans was \$1.85 a bushel, but when they were sold at retail to the consuming public the average price was 12 cents a pound.

This meant a grand total of \$6,598,272 spent for beans—nearly \$12 for each inhabitant, again including the babies.

Of course, baked beans are sold in other cities, but they are not Boston beans, unless the supply has come from that place or the cook has had experience in a Boston kitchen.

There is something distinctive and characteristic about the Boston bean; a something that has given it a name as well as a local inhabitant. The appetite is steadily growing, too.

The demand caused the sale of 15,000 more barrels in 1904 than in 1903. Visitors, perhaps, had cultivated a taste for the dish.

No doubt the demand is much heavier now than in 1904, but the statistician who collected the facts presented here appears to have been overcome by the staggering array of figures that he unearthed. At any rate, he hasn't been heard from since that year.

It is a demand that claims no especial season for its own, but is busy with the populace from January to January.

As the frost, however, opens the chestnut and ripens the persimmon, so it boosts the bean trade. From about Thanksgiving to April the demand is much heavier than during the other months of the year.

To such extraordinary proportions has the demand for baked beans grown in Boston that two companies have been formed for the sole purpose of supplying restaurants, quick-lunch places and other caterers to the Boston stomach.

One of these companies uses in its business about 10,000 quarts a week, while the other uses probably half as many. But even these outputs are a mere bagatelle when compared with the general consumption.

The savory aroma of the baked bean arises from every kitchen like perfume from the beautiful rose fields of the Orient. It hangs over the ancient city like a dietician benediction. So long as the bean crop falleth not, Boston is peaceful and contented.

### KHIVA, THE FORGOTTEN.

Century Magazine.

Bokhara has fallen, Samarkand is the seat of a Russian provincial government and Merv is a manufacturing town with a cast iron drinking fountain. Khiva, too, was swallowed in its turn, but disgorged again; though the kingdom fell, it was handed back to its owners, and no Russian may now enter except by invitation.

The Khivan nobles still ride a hawkling, and caravans in the Kara Kum sands still fear the armed horsemen, who dash down from the north.

Though compassed about on every side by Russian territory and in sight of the breaches made by the Russian guns in 1873, the Khivan khans still screw his revenue from a trembling people, jealously, cuts throats in the open market, and dispenses the high, middle and the low justice from a raised dais in his courtyard.

Burnaby rode to the city from the north and underwent dreadful privations to spend three days there. Aminius Vambury, nearly the most courageous traveler of modern times reached there, disguised as a holy man. The American, McGahan, entered with General Knauffmann in 1873. Dr. Landsell, and Captain Abbott made the journey, and, lastly, Robert L. Jefferson, as recorded in his book, called "A Second Ride to Khiva," made a long bicycle ride across the Russian steppes and a camel ride down to Khiva from Orenburg, in the north.

But, other than these, I know only of Russian officers who have been within the gates.

Since the Russians themselves have agreed to keep out, they have done all in their power to prevent others from going into the city or even crossing the boundaries of the little kingdom. What they fear from visitors it is not easy to imagine. Four antiquated, muzzle-loading, smooth bore cannon and a corrupt and unintelligent court circle, revolving about a stupid ruler, would not repay a second thought even from the spies of the Viceroy of India. But the fact is that foreigners are not allowed access to the state, and the Eighteenth Regiment, Alexander's is quartered at Merv, and the Khivan water supply along the canal from the Oxus.

In the olden days caravans from Merv and Bokhara were frequent. Carpets and stuffs were sent both west and east from the city in exchange for drugs and tea. Today some cotton is sent up the river to the railroad, and occasionally a small party of merchants comes from the south; but more and more Khiva is becoming forgotten and isolated. Modern improvements, instead of carrying her into the current with the world, have left her in the slack water. The deserts are a more effective barrier to-day than they were two centuries ago, and a great city is left to feed upon itself till it shall waste away and become part of the sands that compass it.

## Christmas in Italy

(By Giuseppe Mastro Valerio.)

In Italy the holidays begin the morning of the 24th. The shops, after having been greatly rushed, close at twelve o'clock on the night of the 23rd, and remain closed until the morning of the 26th. The announcement of the beginning of the holidays is the innumerable quantity of shots and firecrackers, which are fired at that hour, not one of them being fired before.

During the 24th little is eaten by anybody, for the Roman Catholic Church requires that the day before a holiday should be spent in prayer and fasting. At about ten o'clock at night everything begins to stir. Now is time for dinner. But you see it is not yet twelve o'clock and therefore Christmas has not begun, and the church imposes that no meat should be eaten before the holiday; so Italians have found a way out of the difficulty. They have the finest, choicest, and largest fish dinner that any man, woman, or child can have. Let me describe it to you. First, no matter in what financial condition the family is, they must have the traditional eel. The only difference is that the poor people have the cheaper grade, and have it only broiled, while the rich have the best grade which money can buy, and besides they have it in every style which practice of many years has given to Italian cooks. They have macaroni, but meat, remember, cannot be used in the dressing, so they fry anchovies, oil and garlic, and the dressing is ready.

By the time dinner is over it is twelve o'clock. Each family has had its own private good cheer, so the people that have a big old fashioned fire-place with benches all around, where a big fire can be lit, throw open their doors, with no distinction of social position, to all, and everyone waits for the sound of the bells that will call them to church, while the old people tell stories and the young listen. The small children, who are allowed to stay up that night, are put in another room by themselves where they can fight, howl or scratch each other as they please.

At two or three in the morning the bells begin to call people to church; so everybody leaves the warm fireplace to go to ceremony, the manner in which the church is lit and decorated, and even the audience and the music are typical. If an American could go to sleep on the docks in New York and wake up in the church of my country town that morning, he would be far more surprised than Rip Van Winkle was when he woke up.

The altar is changed into an immense heap of stones and branches of trees representing the grotto in which the Holy Child is to be born. All along the sides of this miniature mountain there are shepherds, sheep, dogs, and

all that can live on the side of a mountain. At a certain time in the mass, the priests retire and the choir begins the "Te Deum Laudamus." At the same time the Bambino comes along two wires from a concealed spot under the ceiling, thus signifying that he comes from heaven. Then from the other side of the room on the left, the shepherds, with gifts and other things, come on two other wires to see the Holy Child. On the right, along a wire under the roof, the star appears; and soon after a little below, on the same side of the room, the holy men appear. These people are usually little dolls, or marionettes, but sometimes all this is represented by real men and women.

Every man in the audience is dressed in velvet jacket and colored stockings; in his hands each holds a large hat with a peacock feather stuck in the band. The women dress in the traditional "pachiana" costumes, loaded with gold of the finest and oldest quality.

On the morning of the 24th the children go around to the houses of their relatives, and after the formal good wishes they receive a small sum of money—perhaps not more than a cent at each house they visit. In some places in Italy the children hang their stockings the night of the 23rd, and not that of the 24th in other places this is done the night of the 31st; in other places still, they hang them the night of Epiphany. In the first two cases the children believe that the Holy Child brings them the presents, which are mostly things to eat, while in the third case they believe that "La Befana" (Santa Claus) has brought them the presents. I lived in three different towns only twenty-five miles apart from each other, and each had a different custom.

On Christmas morning no presents are seen around—at least no individual presents. The only ones are those sent by one family to another.

There is an old story of a simple Highland lass who had walked to Glasgow to join her sister in service. On reaching a toll-bar on the skirt of the city, she began to rap smartly with her knuckles on the gate. The policeman came out to see what she wanted.

"Please, sir, is this Glasgow?" she inquired.

"Yes, this is Glasgow."

"Please," said the girl, "is Peggy in?"

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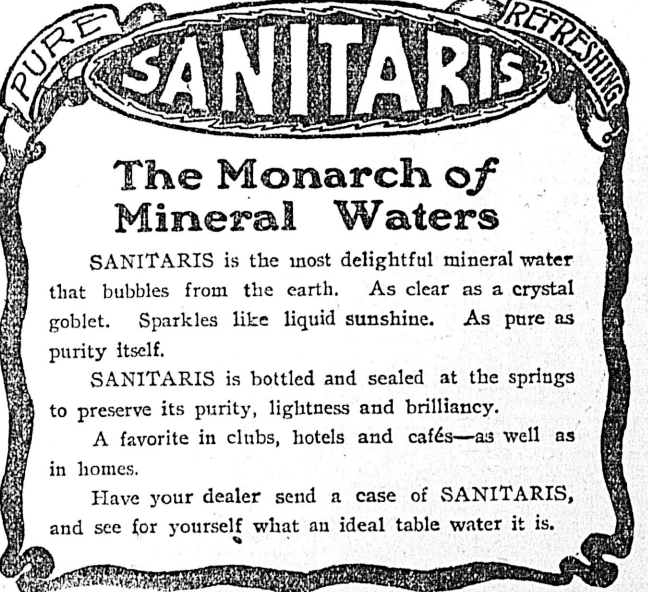
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# AN HOUR WITH THE EDITOR

The Colonist will greet its readers again on Christmas morning, but as good wishes are always timely, it takes this occasion also to extend them to every one, old and young, rich and poor, friends and opponents. Whatever we may have during the rest of the twelvemonth, we have no enemies to-day, tomorrow or next day. If any people think they are in that class, we can assure them that they are mistaken. It would be a good thing if that could be said always. But as it cannot, let us unite this Sunday in saying:

From all uncharitableness, Good Lord deliver us.

## CHRISTMAS.

A girdle of traditions, some of them little more than myths, encircles the globe, and they all point to the extreme north as the original home of man. To this idea science lends its countenance, not directly, of course, but in a round about way, for science does not attempt to deal directly with such matters. It demonstrates that in the cooling process to which the earth was at one time subjected, the polar regions would necessarily be the first part to become sufficiently cool to permit of the existence of life upon it, and this is to some extent an argument that man may first have appeared there. If he did we have an explanation for some things not so easily understood otherwise, and one of them is the origin of Yule Tide, which the Christian church has adopted as its great holiday. December 21st is the shortest day of the year. It is the winter solstice; that is, this is the time when the sun reaches his furthest apparent southern point and pauses before beginning his northward journey. When he is fully on his way we have Yule Tide. It is very easy to believe that people living in high northern latitudes would have observed this period of the year as one of rejoicing. It would not be nearly as significant a period to people in a latitude, in which the sun is above the horizon every day in the year; but in the Far North, where he does not appear at all for several weeks, his return from his distant journey would be an occasion for rejoicing. The Yule Tide festival of the Norsemen was very probably a continuation of the celebrations of a still more northern race, whose very remote ancestors were a people who had been driven from their Circumpolar home by that tremendous and very little understood event, known as the beginning of the Glacial period. If all this is true, then we may be today participating in festivities, which have had their origin in those far-off days, which geologists call the Tertiary Period, days long before the hairy mammoth roamed over the plains of Yukon and Siberia, days when there was no such thing as ice or snow on all this world, and when, if traditions do not altogether lie, a very high degree of civilization was reached—in short the days of the true Eden. The fact that the church in its wisdom has taken this festival of the coming of the sun and consecrated it to the memory of the coming of the Light of the World, adds to the interest of the occasion even from an historical point of view, and the connection of the holiday season with the traditions and myths of uncounted centuries does not detract in the slightest degree from the value of the religious associations which surround it.

Christianity is of Syrian origin, speaking historically; it found its most cordial recognition at first in Egypt. Long before Rome paid any more than slight passing attention to the new cult, it had devoted followers and very learned teachers in Alexandria. Oddly enough these first seats of its influence no longer recognize it, except under a sort of political compulsion. Christianity is tolerated in Syria and Egypt, because the Moslem authorities dare not drive it out. There is something quite remarkable about this. It is one of the extraordinary facts of history that races, which at the time of Christ were dwelling somewhere in the forests and mountains on the borders of the Roman Empire, are now bearing the banner of the religion, which was taught first in the lands around the Levant. Upon this fact some of those who love to speculate upon unfathomable things, hang one of their strongest arguments for the identity of the Anglo-Germanic people with the Lost Tribes of Israel. But be these things as they may, it is worthy of remark that Christmas is so acknowledged in the land where it originated. There are no carols sung on the hillside where the shepherds heard the song of "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth Peace."

The popularity of Christmas is very remarkable. It has had a hard struggle against heavy odds. Puritanism would have none of it and even the church was disposed to dispute its eminence in the popular mind. Once it was styled a relic of paganism; then, among Protestants, a relic of popery, and in days when a name was enough to condemn any thing this was all that it was necessary to say. Even now there is a disposition among some people to deprecate any special celebration of the day for one reason or another. But in spite of all this it gains in popular favor. More is made of it every year. It is as great a day from a religious point of view as ever it was, and it is a very much greater day from the family point of view. In the United States it has quite taken the first place in popular esteem from Thanksgiving, once the great semi-religious holiday of the Republic. There must be a reason for this and we are glad to be able to

think that it is to be found in the general tendency of the age towards higher ideals, to a fuller recognition of the principles which are the base of the religion founded by Him to whose birth the day is consecrated.

Christmas brings many pleasures with it, but it also brings many duties. One of these is to remember those who are not as fortunately situated as we ourselves may be. It is true that in Victoria there is little poverty that is abject, but there must be many instances where a little kindness would not be misplaced. This has been a good year for our city. Let us show our appreciation of it by seeking out those who may not have shared in its blessings as fully as could be wished and extending to them some little help that may make the season a joyous one to them. Christmas is a particularly delightful time, because it is the one time in the year when gifts can be freely given and accepted without any sense of obligation or patronage. No doubt much has been done already in Victoria along the lines now spoken of, but there remains yet another day in which those who have forgotten can remember to do something, and those who have been forgotten can be remembered.

## HOPE.

Among the qualities of the human soul none is more wonderful than Hope. The dictionary makers tell us that the root of the word is unknown, in which respect it is something like the quality for which it is a name. If we seek to define it, we are conscious of our inability to discover any combination of words to convey the exact meaning. It is born with us; it enters beyond the veil of death with us. It serves to lighten us on our way all through life. Perhaps at times its flame is so dim that it seems about to expire, but it soon gains fresh strength, although its brightness may be subdued. What is this wonderful quality? Whence comes it? Will some wise materialist explain by what process of evolution Hope can have been developed from inorganic matter? In some vague way the source of Hope seems to be in memory, not the individual memory of any one, but in that of Humanity. In the story of Eden we are told that our first parents looked back to their lovely home, which the sword of fire guarded. We do not refer to this as the origin of Hope, but only by way of illustration: the story of Paradise and the Peri as told by Moore would serve as well. Humanity seems to have an innate recollection of something higher, nobler and purer than anything, which seems possible of attainment here, of a certain and unchangeable happiness, of an absolute freedom from all care or desire, and it is this that seems to be the foundation of Hope. We read that God created man in His own image. May not Hope be the memory of the divinity that is within us?

It need hardly be said that in suggesting this we are not thinking of mere expectancy or anticipation. We do an act and hope for good results. We learn of what others have done and expect certain results to follow. But this is hope in a minor sense only. It is not that sublime impulse of the soul, which "maketh us not ashamed" no matter how difficult and dreadful may be our surroundings, which makes us superior to all material circumstances, and tells us that in some way, which we may not hope to understand, we are greater than everything else but God Himself. May we not say that Hope is the spark, which, when we have shuffled off this mortal coil, will grow in increasing brightness until it becomes one with the Fountain of Light?

This theme is of special interest at Christmas time. The story of the watching shepherds and the song of the angels may or may not be veritable history; but it is true, nevertheless, that man has ever been looking for a voice from Heaven. "Art Thou he that shall come, or shall we look for another?" is a question as old as history, and probably as old as humanity itself, not always asked in the same form, but at all times, and in all lands, the spoken or unspoken question of mankind. For uncounted centuries human wisdom, that is, the wisdom that deals with weights and measures, the scalpel and the microscope, and such things only, has told us that we are of the earth earthy, and nothing more; yet there is something within us that refuses to assent to such a view, something that tells us that we have a right to look for that which is better than the material things with which we are surrounded, that tells us that there is somewhere some one who will vindicate us. "I know that my Redeemer liveth," said Job. Some translators made him say "Vindicator" and perhaps that is the better word; but that is quite immaterial. What the patriarch meant was that he was absolutely certain that he was in alliance with the divine, and in due time he should be justified and stand face to face with the Eternal One. This declaration was the inspiration of Hope. And there has been no change in humanity since the remote day when the story of Job was written. Disabuse your mind of the notion that these things have changed any during the centuries. What was true of Job may be true of each of us. We have only to let the spark of Hope glow in its own way and there is no passage in life so dark that it will not illuminate it.

This holiday season ought to be a season of hope. Its lessons are full of ground for it. Dismiss all considerations of a religious character and simply let the spirit of Christmas fill your mind. Do not trouble yourself about doctrines or historical accuracy, or anything of that uncertain nature. Take the simple plain facts of everyday life at this time of the year, the cordial greetings of friends, the new desire to do something to make others happy, the forbearance with each other's shortcomings, the consideration for other people's feelings, the pleasure in the happiness of other people that we all feel at this time. Just think these things over for a little while, and then ask yourself if, after all that can be said against poor human nature, there is not enough good in us all, if we only gave it a chance, to

"Make this earth an Eden  
Like the Heaven above."

to quote that old nursery hymn that most of us, thank God, had sung to us when we were children. Christmas is full of Hope for the world. It tells us that a millennium is not impossible, though it may be remote. It proves to us that there are ideals towards which we may strive and not vainly.

From this thought to Him whose name Christmas bears the transition is both easy and natural. His simple and beautiful life, His wise teachings, His inspiring promises are all in keeping with the Hope that dwells within us all. We would all of us like the story of Jesus to be true. Our very nature makes us long for just such a story. The Hope that is within us can find what it needs most only in such a story. Then why not accept it? Why trouble our heads about what other people say? The song which the shepherds heard will, if we will only listen to it, set out heartstrings vibrating in unison with it. This is better than libraries of theology. A child can understand it; a philosopher can do no more. The message of Jesus is a message of Hope, and Christmas Day is the festival of Hope.

## FAIRY TALES.

A new cult has arisen, which declares that fairy tales, nursery rhymes and all those other classics that you and we were brought up on are pernicious and must no longer be told to children. We have reached, so they tell us, an age when the mind of infants should be trained up to deal with things of real value, and that the imagination should be curbed at all cost. Up-to-date nurseries will have wall paper showing Wall Street, with borders of dollar marks, and instead of picture books representing creatures, that common sense will tell us do not exist, the suckling financier will be given neatly bound volumes, made of linen, and the pictures will be of bonds and stock certificates and the baby will be accustomed from earliest infancy to cutting off coupons. As soon as it gets old enough it will be educated, so that it will not cry for its bread and milk, but will cut off a coupon and present it to its nurse. When it is sleepy nurse will sing:

Mary had a little lamb,  
Its fleece was white as snow;  
And everywhere that Mary went,  
The lamb was sure to go.  
One day the girl got tired  
Of seeing it around  
And sold it to the butcher  
For fifteen cents a pound.

No longer will the restless infant be lulled to slumber with Scott's lovely, but utterly anachronistic song which informs the baby that his sire is a knight, when in point of fact he may only be an editor, or a broker or a shoemaker or one of those gentry, who in gown and bands are alleged to devote all their talents to making the worse appear the better reason, but something like the following will take its place:

O hush thee, my baby, thy father's down town,  
Thy mother is trying her new Paris gown.

And instead of that utterly impossible ballad of the four and twenty blackbirds, we will have this:

Sing a song of sixpence,  
Pocket full of "dough,"  
Four and twenty town lots  
Lying in a row.  
When the boom was opened,  
Listen, Boom, dear,  
Daddy caught a sucker  
And made fifty thousand clear.

Of course there will be a foot note explaining that "sixpence" is an obsolete piece of money, and that "dough" is a profane word used to express the source of all good, or the root of evil as the case may be. No longer will any one entertain the "Baby's Creed," which runs as follows:

I believe in my papa,  
Who loves me very dearly;  
I believe in Santa Claus,  
Who comes to see me yearly;  
I believe the fairies dance  
Over the fields of Heather;  
I believe the birds talk  
On the bough together;  
I believe my dolly knows  
Every word that's spoken;  
I believe it hurts her, too,  
When her nose is broken;  
O, I believe in lots of things,  
I can't tell half the rest,  
But I believe in your, Mamma,  
First and last and best.

All such things are to be abolished. The little tot, who tells you that she was quite sure she heard a fairy singing just as she was going to sleep, will be sternly corrected and informed that it was probably a mosquito, and be given a lecture on typhoid germs. The little boy, who

persists in getting behind the sofa and being an ogre, will be given a course in comparative mythology to show him how impossible it is that there can be such things as ogres. The foolish mother who persists in rocking baby and crooning:

Sleep, baby, sleep,  
Thy father watches the sheep;  
Thy mother is shaking the dreamland tree,  
And down falls a little dream on thee.

will be disciplined by the nearest Mothers' Club. No child can be taught too early that sleep is the domination of the sub-conscious Ego over the Objective Mind, whatever that all may mean. No well brought up child should be allowed to go to sleep without being set right in its ideas of such matters.

But we have a sort of notion that the new cult will prove a failure. While the subbeams dance through the leafy woods, the imagination of children, and perhaps of some of larger growth, will people the glens with fairies. As long as Night spreads her dark mantle over us, so long will thoughts of ogres and angels find a place in young souls. The good old ditties, which our grandmothers sang to our mothers, and their grandmothers sang to them, the ditties that have come down through the centuries, the only real classics, will never die. About twenty years ago there was a determined effort to kill Santa Claus, in America at least. None of the children's papers would print anything about him. But they did not kill him by any means. He simply arose in his majesty and swept his enemies to the winds. And why? Because he represents the essential good that is in the whole of us. He is more honored today in America than ever since Christopher Columbus discovered it. And so it will be with fairy tales. They will live, long after the serious productions of the day are forgotten.

## SOME COMMON MYSTERIES.

Did you ever think of the mysteries which surround us? We do not mean the greater mysteries, if there can be any gradation of things which are absolutely inexplicable, but of what may be called the common mysteries of animate and inanimate nature. Take a pansy, for example: Observe its coloring. A chemist may take the sap of a pansy and analyze it, and may be able to tell you of the ingredients of which it is composed; but he cannot tell you why this life-giving fluid of the plant, when it gets to a certain point, ceases to make stalk or leaves and begins to make flowers, nor why it is that after it has begun to make flowers, it deposits a certain kind of coloring matter in one place and another kind in another place, and does it with a beauty of arrangement that art cannot rival. Pick up a rose and breathe into your nostrils its delicate odor. Then ask your chemical friend what the odor is, and why one rose has a different odor from another. He cannot tell you. Of course neither he nor any one else can tell you why you are able to smell the perfume, but that is getting into the higher realm of the mysteries. Dissolve sugar in hot water and let the solution cool. It will form cubical crystals. Some of them may be imperfect, but all will show the cubical structure. Examine granulated sugar under a glass and note the shape of the crystals of which it is composed. They are always the same. But why they are the same no one knows, any more than any one knows what becomes of the sugar which the water has dissolved. What sort of a material is water that it makes many other things disappear, when they are put in it? They are there just the same, but you cannot see them. Ask your chemist again why hot water will dissolve more of some things than cold water will, and why of other substances it makes no difference whether the water is hot or cold. He cannot tell you anything about it. He only knows what you do, and that is the simple fact. It is all as great a mystery to him as it is to you.

This sort of questioning might be repeated ad infinitum. The limitations of human knowledge are very narrow. We only know superficial things and are not very sure about many of them. Thrust a stick into water. It appears to be bent at the point of contact with the water. The stick is not where it appears to be, and there is a stick where you can see none. What sort of a trick is this that Nature plays upon us? Go into a darkened room. Make an aperture through which the sunlight from out of doors can come; then hold at a short distance from the aperture a piece of white paper and you will get an inverted picture of the landscape. This pretty little experiment any one can try, but no one can tell you in what way the landscape paints itself upon the paper. Place a little fine, dry sand upon a piece of glass, and draw the bow of a violin, or something else that will give rapid vibrations down the edge of the glass; the sand will take different symmetrical shapes according to the place where you draw the bow. All that scientific men know about this is that it is the case. They do not even know whether the knowledge is of any value or not. And so we might go on, taking up one aspect of common things after another, and showing by what a cloud of mysteries we are surrounded. But notwithstanding all this, there are some people who must have what are called the higher mysteries explained to them, so that there will not be the least necessity for relying upon that innate

sense, which some people call faith, but which is probably only the operation of a sub-conscious mind, which is able to learn the truth of things intuitively.

## HOW TO BE A CRITIC.

There was, and perhaps is at present—for he was an active enough fellow twenty years ago, back in an eastern province a man, who had a great reputation as an art critic. His opinion was asked upon every picture at which he looked, and, just as people came for miles and miles to see Katsushaw's elbow, so they used to journey to his shrine for his opinion. One day in an unthought fit of candor he admitted that he did not know any more about pictures than any one else. He could tell when he liked a picture, but so, he said, can any one else. This was not all, however. He knew a lot of expressions. He could say "chiaro oscuro" in a way that made you feel like calling for your mother. He could talk of "atmosphere" in a tone that would almost make the canvas curl up with shame, when he said the picture hadn't any; and when he talked of "breadth of treatment" and things like that, you began to wonder whether you were an intelligent being or only something that happened along. And he looked exceedingly wise all the time. He would walk up to a picture, as though he was going to smell it; then he would walk back from it as though it were a poor relation. Then he would put his head sideways, just like a little cock-sparrow. Then he would look very stern, and with great deliberation emit some of the above-mentioned expressions. He was careful never by any chance to say whether the picture was good, bad or indifferent, and he had a splendid reputation.

It is just the same in music, and it is not a little interesting to hear a lot of people talk learnedly about that delightful art. They throw language around in a way that is perfectly astonishing, and the poor soul, who simply knows good music when he hears it, realizes that he is many stages lower than the angels than he thought he was. If you want to be a successful musical critic, lay in a good stock of words. It is not absolutely necessary that you should understand them. If you happen to use them in the wrong place, the other party to the conversation is quite likely to conclude that he or she is ignorant of their proper application, and thus your very blunders may gain you a reputation for exalted wisdom.

Criticism is a wonderful thing. More so-called learning is expended upon it than upon making the laws of the nation, and the funny part of the whole business is that, if the opinion of the public and the verdict of the years are worth anything at all, the critics are nearly always wrong.

We are not sure that what has been said above has any special value, but perhaps it may have. There are a lot of people who are afraid to like things, or at least to admit that they like them, for fear that they may be displaying ignorance. Of course there is an exception in the case of very rich people. They can like anything they choose, just as they can spell anyway they like. What would be ignorance in you or us, gentle reader; is only pardonable eccentricity and delightful simplicity in them. You have perhaps heard the following story: "Mama," whispered the small boy, "Uncle George is eating with his knife." And the mother answered: "Hush, Johnny. Uncle George is rich enough to eat with the fire shovel, if he wants to." But the rest of us are not so, and many of us are ashamed to say that we like things, for fear of the people who talk of chiaro oscuro, fugues, realism and other things. But let us not worry. If you like a thing say so. Haven't you noticed sometimes at a musical performance how some of the learned people will sit enraptured while some artist executes something so elaborate that we wonder what it is all about, and how they sigh when it is over. Perhaps you think the sigh is prompted by exquisite pleasure. It may be in one case out of a hundred, but in the other ninety-nine it is due to relief. "What a wonderful strain that was," exclaimed the critic; and the common man replied: "If he strains that way much longer he'll bust." This article is not intended to imply that there is not such a thing as high art, but only that much that poses as art is simply artificial.

Our correspondent "Lux" is informed that the Colonist does not intend to open its columns to polemics. He takes exception to the statement that belief is a mental process and proceeds to analyze the Athanasian Creed. This creed, like every other creed, is not belief, but simply an attempt to state something. It may be in a colloquial sense "a belief." The articles printed on this page are not in any sense controversial, and we do not propose that they shall become the subject of controversy, so far as the columns of this paper are concerned. This may seem at first thought to some people an unreasonable position to take, but on consideration they will see that it is not. Nothing is more profitless than a discussion over the words in which the church has endeavored to express ideas, which effort, as we pointed out in an article on "Creeds" must in the very nature of the case be unsatisfactory. A long experience has taught us that the inference exhibited towards religious instruction arises from the stress laid by many religious teachers upon certain words.

## THE STORY TELLER

### The New Generation.

Weekly Mail and Empire.  
Scene—A nursery.  
Time—The future.  
Aunt (looking after three-year-old niece for the day): Did you fall on the nasty floor? Let auntie kiss your head.  
Infant of the Future: I can assure you that a kiss can do no good. That is a worn out superstition among children.  
Aunt: Don't let us think about it any more. We can play with the nice toys.  
Infant of the Future: The way in which you call a locomotive a toot-toot is so ridiculous. And now that I think of it I may tell you that father's dog is a St. Bernard and not a bow-wow.  
Aunt: Don't be cross with auntie. We shall have a lovely time all day, and I have asked a little girl in for this afternoon.  
Infant of the Future: Dear me, aunt, I wish you had consulted me regarding the matter. I do not feel in the humor for entertaining today.

## A SOUTH AFRICAN BATTLE-CRY.

Exchange.  
South African football players, recently in London, have been exciting a good deal of curiosity in that city by their Zulu war cry. A writer in Notes and Queries says of it: "The cry really consists of two words, and should be written 'Igama layo.' 'Igama' is Zulu for 'name,' and 'layo' is a possessive pronoun, meaning either 'his' or 'their.' It merely means 'That in his name.' The explanation is that Zulu etiquette does not allow warriors, when they rush into battle, to mention the names of their enemies, but the leaders shout, 'That is his name,' pointing to the victim with their spears."

## TAY-PAY'S NERVES.

New York Times.  
T. P. O'Connor, the Irish politician, began an after-dinner speech in Philadelphia this way: "I must confess that I dread to make after-dinner speeches. At the most sumptuous dinners, even at such a dinner as this one, if I know that at the end I must make a speech, I am nervous. I have no appetite, I find little to admire in the best efforts of the chef. In truth, gentlemen, I can readily imagine Daniel, if he was at all of my mind, leaving a sigh of relief as the lions drew near to devour him—heaving a sigh of relief and murmuring: 'Well, if there's any after-dinner speaking to be done on this occasion, at least it won't be done by me.'"

## THE GREAT WALLACE.

Saturday Night.  
A Canadian traveling in Scotland was greatly amused by an incident that he witnessed at Stirling, and is telling his friends about it. One of the veterans of the war, Stirling is the monument to William Wallace, the national hero. On the train was an American, and when he heard of the monument he became interested at once, but it soon became apparent that he did not understand.  
"Wallace!" he exclaimed. "A monument to Wallace over here! Why they talk so much interest in him over here?"

It was evident that he knew only of Gen. Lew Wallace. The Canadian decided not to deceive him, and at Stirling got his reward. The American accosted the Scot who guarded the gate at the railway station.  
"Tell me," he said, "about this Wallace—there's a monument to him up there."  
The gatekeeper glared. "Dinna ye ken about him?" he demanded. "Have ye no heard o' Scots who hae wi' Wallace bled?" and he slammed the gate in the face of the offender. Then the Canadian explained to his fellow traveler that there was another Wallace than Lew.

## ACCURATE GOOD WISHES.

Washington Star.  
Secretary Taft tells an amusing story of a short colloquy which he heard in Havana.  
An American "soldier of fortune" hastened to Cuba at the outbreak of the insurrection, and offered his services to the republic. As he had served in the Spanish war, and had commanded a militia organization, he was welcomed and given the command of a detachment of rural guards. Shortly after, he was despatched in pursuit of a band of insurrectionists reported in the neighborhood, only to allow them to slip through his fingers. With many apologies he reported to his Cuban superior.  
"Make no apologies whatever, Senor Lieutenant," the Cuban said graciously. "I know you indicated no loss upon your enemy, but it was an exquisitely conducted campaign! It is a great waste of talent, senor, that you should be employed in these minor, even insignificant, disturbances; your field of operation should be much, oh, vastly, greater! You deserve to be with one of your own great generals—Grant, or Sheridan, or Lee!"  
"But—but they are dead, general!" the American said, his self-satisfaction beginning to be troubled with doubts.  
"Ah, I am fully aware of that fact, Senor Lieutenant!" the other replied, pleasantly.

## TIME TO "GET."

Harper's Weekly.  
In South Africa candles are used for lighting purposes in the homes, and when young Boer maiden has gentleman visitors the mother sticks a pin in the candle, and when it has burned to the pin the callers understand that it is time for their departure.  
Mrs. Early, a society matron of Washington, recently made a visit to the Transvaal, and was so impressed with the custom of the Boers that she determined to introduce it into her home. Consequently the electric lights were removed and candles substituted in the drawing-room.  
Mr. Staylate, a frequent though not always welcome caller, was one of the first visitors to call after the inauguration of the new custom. He witnessed the placing of the pin in the candle by Mrs. Early, and after she had gone ventured to inquire:  
"Why, Miss Early, does your mother stick a pin in the candle?"  
"Oh," responded the young woman with an air of apparent innocence, mother learned that in South Africa as a way of sending home the Boers."

## CURRENT VERSE

### THE GARDEN OF TOYS.

By the boreal pole where old Santa Claus lives  
In his cottage of taffy and glass,  
In the summer his sleigh is well packed away  
And his reindeer are pastured on grass.  
There the Saint reads his books and the Saint smokes his pipe  
And leisurely hours he enjoys;  
But of mornings he goes with his rakes  
To the beautiful Garden of Toys.  
Oh, the Garden of Toys is well planted  
With the picture painted on its name;  
Of every plaything that's out;  
Long rows of tin whistles and horns thick as thistles  
And popguns beginning to sprout.  
The marble plant, too, is just bringing to view  
A crowd of delight for the boys  
As the Saint showers the lot from his watering-pot  
In the beautiful Garden of Toys.  
—Wallace Irving, Woman's Home Companion for December.

### WHAT IS SUCCESS?

What is success? To gain a share of gold?  
To see one's picture daunted in the press  
Ah, there be those who label this success.  
What is success? To win a little fame?  
To hear a flicker whisper your name?  
To be accounted as a genius? Yes.  
And there be those who label this success.  
But have we not another standard still?  
To judge a man of character and will?  
Are gold and fame the only measures tried?  
In all the world is there no test beside?  
Ah, yes. The man who meets, with courage grim,  
The fiercest foe that devotes on him,  
The petty, mean, heart-breaking curses that  
The patient soul that never may aspire—  
Howe'er so cramped the field wherein he works,  
He has not failed—the man who never  
The man who toils for years without a break,  
And trends the path of pain for other's sake.

### A CANADIAN FOLK SONG.

The doors are shut, the windows fast  
Outside the gust is driving past,  
The traveler stops at the tavern door  
And the kettle answers the chimney's roar.  
Margery, Margery, make the tea,  
Singeth the kettle merrily.  
The streams are rushed up where they flowed,  
The ponds are frozen along the road;  
The birds are housed in shed and byre,  
While singeth the kettle on the fire;  
Margery, Margery, make the tea,  
Singeth the kettle merrily.  
The fisherman on the bay in his boat  
And butrons up his coat;  
The traveler stops at the tavern door  
And the kettle answers the chimney's roar.  
Margery, Margery, make the tea,  
Singeth the kettle merrily.  
The freight dances upon the wall,  
Footsteps are heard in the outer hall,  
And a kiss and a welcome that fill the room,  
And the kettle sings in the glimmer and gleam;  
Margery, Margery, make the tea,  
Singeth the kettle merrily.  
—William Wulfrid Campbell.

### THE ETERNAL WORLD.

O wonderful eternal world!  
My soul absorbs thy wondrous light,  
As one by one the friends I know  
Pass outward through thy portals bright.  
I dream of glad unclouded days,  
Of rapturous flights to worlds afar  
And visions come to cheer my way,  
In realms where all His angels are.  
O wonderful eternal world!  
I dwell in thy new life I dwell;  
The petty things of earth depart,  
And angels whisper, "All is well."  
My faith enlarges with the years,  
I see to cheer my way,  
And brighter grows the pilgrim path  
That leads to everlasting day.  
—Beattie Bland, in the Living Church.

### THE DRUM.

Roll! Roll!  
"This a sound that thrills sheer to the soul;  
When I hear it,  
It is not a fear it,  
But rather to cheer it!  
Now plangent, now pleading;  
Reverend,  
Or swelling  
Sonorous, and telling  
With ominous rattle  
Of battle.  
Lo, squadrons are forming  
For storming!  
Roll! Roll!  
Not the shrill of the fife,  
Insistent with glorious life,  
Can clutch at the spirit, controul,  
Like the voice of the drum. Away  
They have plunged to the fray  
With the light of emprise  
In their eyes.  
Roll! Roll!  
What leads over valley and slope  
Through the roar and the hum?  
'Tis the drum!  
Hark! piercing through darkness and dole;  
Inspiring to valor  
While parading  
It carries the crest to the gates  
Where red sacrifice waits—  
Walls with its clamor for the soul!  
Roll! Roll!  
CLINTON SCOLLARD.

### THE WATER HOLE.

From the Denver Republican.  
"The burnd floats above it, wings aslant—  
His feasts are those who perish at the brink—  
And, far off where the drying cattle pant,  
Like shadows down the desert skulkers slink.  
Like burnished copper in a molten sky,  
The sun has shone upon it through the day  
And toward it, o'er the reaches hot and dry,  
The creatures of the wild have dragged their way.  
Upon its edge, among the foot prints there,  
One reads with ease, upon the whitened slope,  
The story of each flight against despair,  
And how, at last, have man and beast found hope!"  
PICTURE AND LAMP.  
From the New Orleans Times-Democrat.  
Once on a time I came upon a picture,  
The Virgin's face,  
And there in front a lamp was ever burning—  
Fixed in its place.  
Where'er I go, dear one, your face abideth,  
And all the while  
Is as a lamp before, forever burning  
Over me of thee.  
Flatter—Do you have any trouble with the Kicker—None whatever; but we have considerable with the cold.—New York Sun.



## Atlantic Luxury Today

Ideal Conditions on Run Between America and Europe.

London Telegraph. The Atlantic life at sea is especially ideal in point of luxury with existence ashore. On other oceans there is progress toward the same end, but it is in the run from Europe to America that ideal conditions have been set up. To begin with, the passenger is no longer cut off from the rest of mankind. Wireless telegraphy brings him the news of the day, which he reads every morning in a newspaper published in mid-ocean. The same means enables him to keep in personal touch with his friends ashore. Thus all sense of complete isolation has gone forever. At the same time, there is the sensation of being in a floating hotel which, in point of equipment, might be matched but could not be excelled, either in Piccadilly or the Place Vendôme. You have your own suite of apartments, with its salon, its bedroom, and its bath and toilet room, and the decoration and up-holding, the work of real artists, may be trusted to convey a sense of harmony. You have telephones at hand, and movable electric lamps at your disposal, and you sleep in a real brass bedstead, and not in that uncomfortable thing called a berth. You can have a cabin de luxe, sufficient for family needs, or, if you are voyaging en garçon, you can be accommodated at a reasonable rate, on the now popular principle of "one man, one cabin," which the Norddeutscher-Lloyd Company did so much to establish. The idea here is that of the greengrocer's of former ocean travel—is going out, just as the notion has been dispelled that wordrobes, chests of drawers, writing tables, and other indispensable essentials ashore are really not needed in a steamer's cabin. The upper berth, with its need for some display of athleticism, is not yet extinct, but the best of the steamship companies are doing away with it wherever they can.

Palatial in the proper epithet to apply to the dining saloons of the best of the modern liners. Here, again, in the matter of internal arrangement there is a tendency to follow shore practice. The old idea of requiring passengers to sit down at long tables is growing obsolete. The Cunard Company, for instance, has broken away from tradition in this respect, for on the Corona and the Carmania, their new turbine steamers, the rigid prandial arrangements of former age have given place to the provision of a number of small tables. Doubtless the same idea will be adopted in those mammoth vessels, the Lusitania and the Mauritania. If, however, those steamers are to be really up to date, they will also have to possess an ocean restaurant as well as a dining saloon, for the experience of the Hamburg-American Company is emphatic on this point. They began, experimentally, with a grill-room on the Deutschland. The idea showed an intelligent understanding of human nature. People do not care to dine in droves, like a flock of sheep, and it is a gratuitous assumption that the table d'hôte menu will appeal to every one with the same force.

The restaurant ashore finds its justification in the demand for the light meal at odd hours, or the little dinner of one's own choosing. The Hamburg-American Company soon found out that the Deutschland's grill-room was appreciat-

ed, and in their next big ship, the Amunition, it blossomed into a full-blown restaurant. The success of the installation was again shown when the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria came to be fitted. It may be taken today that the Hamburg-American Company will never revert to the old style, and that the best of its Atlantic liners will always have a restaurant, served from a separate kitchen, and equal to that which the Carlton, or any other London hotel can offer. Our ancestors would have been amazed at the notion of being able to order a la carte in mid-ocean, and still more of being able to obtain a pick of recognized national dishes. But their amazement would not end there.

Under the old system if a passenger wanted any particular thing he must ask for it within certain hours, or he would not get it. He was hidebound by all sorts of restrictions of a stupid and irritating character. Today all this has changed. The struggle is to make the passenger feel at home, and to render him conscious of having lost nothing in point of personal comfort because he is a thousand miles from land. For instance, one of the common trials of ocean voyaging is the lack of means of exercise. That is why wise people are always pacing the deck, sometimes at a furious rate. To meet their case some of the German liners are fitted with gymnasia, where the athletic may keep themselves in good trim and hold competence at a disadvantage. Again, there is an ample choice of baths.

Of course, all liners are alike, but on some of them you can have an electric bath, and there is even the promise that the Hamburg-American Company will presently build a boat which will contain a Turkish bath and a swimming bath as well. The later Cunarders make a special feature of their shower and needle baths. What aids to comfort can, indeed, be said to be lacking? The Amerika, for example, introduced trained hospital nurses, whose presence should prove useful in case of illness at sea. Again, there are boats which carry a coffined anaesthetizer. Other boats offer day nurseries for children. Photographers may generally reckon on finding a dark room at hand. Another idea is a florist's shop on board ship, where fresh flowers can be had every day. How it is done is a mystery, but bouquets can be bought as easily as in Bond street.

If you are a person given to writing letters you find a stenographer waiting for you, ready to take them down and to present them to you later on in clear-cut typewriting. If you are going to travel about the continent you can take advantage of the Norddeutscher Lloyd system of travelers' cheques, whereby drafts payable in all the principal cities can be secured. The pursers' office, too, the counterpart of the bureau of the modern hotel, affords a safe deposit for the preservation of valuables. There are those who say that the possibilities of the great Atlantic liners are still far from means exhausted, and that in many ways we are destined to see further advances. But even if things stop where they are, the traveling public will have cause for gratitude for ocean traveling on the Atlantic has not only lost near all its terrors, but has in many ways become the embodiment of luxury.

which figure in the course are "The Communist Manifesto," by Marx; "From Utopia to Socialism," by Engels; "Our Beloved Pederance," by W. J. Ghent; "Poverty," by Robert Hunter; "The Bitter Cry of the Children," by John Spargo; "The Jungle," by Upton Sinclair; "The Appeal to the Young," by Kropotkin, an amiable Russian anarchist. There are numerous works, too, which contain the objections to socialism, all of which must be read so that the convert may be able to meet all arguments directed against the faith which is in him.

Statistics of the exact strength of this student organization are difficult to obtain. For its membership is constantly varying. Many of the large universities, however, have a chapter consisting of twenty or thirty enthusiasts. There are hundreds of other students more or less committed to the cult who are not enrolled. The movement is stronger in the West than in the "effete" East.

As far as the older institutions in the East are concerned, the league finds it most difficult to drive the entering wedge. There are, however, chapters more or less under cover both at Yale and Harvard.

"We have not been able to do much as yet in Harvard," said Mr. Sinclair. "For the faculty contains several reactionaries."

According to the socialist point of view, the country is about to sweep into the new order and here and there are a few misguided persons who "react" against the general current.

"Yale," continued Mr. Sinclair, "is more or less capitalistic."

"We so call it," explained T. Bayard Collins, until recently the corresponding secretary of the society, "because Chancellor Day is such an apologist for the Standard Oil Company, for I believe that the university is able to get considerable revenues from that source."

Flourishes in Chicago. One of the most flourishing chapters is in Chicago University, where learning would be more likely to have the smell of the "capitalistic" lamp than anywhere else.

Several of the most radical exponents of socialism, however, have been graduated from that institution, including Mr. Collins. The strength of the group of propagandists there is given as twenty, but the influence extends to every department of the academic life of the institution.

By far the strongest organization of student socialists in the United States is in Wesleyan University, at Middletown, in the state of old state of Connecticut. It is regarded as the moral chapter and the leaders of the movement are looking forward to the coming of a prophet or two from that neighborhood.

Columbia University might be considered as unsuited for the growth and development of the socialistic plant. Yet in the last two or three years its interest in this variety of sociology has steadily increased. It was founded in the eighteenth century on a royal charter and its progress has largely been due to the contributions of the wealthy. Its flag flies from a pole surmounted by a gilt crown, reminiscent of the days when the institution was known as King's College.

It had a vigorous student chapter of socialists last year, and this winter the "comrades" are getting ready for a more highly organized work.

In the faculty of Columbia University one of the best known men of socialistic leanings is Professor Franklin H. Giddings, of the chair of sociology and the history of civilization. He objects to the designation which is used by the followers of Marx. Professor Giddings is something of an opportunist and votes the socialist ticket when he feels so inclined. In the last campaign he was one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the candidacy of Morris Hillquit, who was running for Congress on the socialist ticket.

Lecture on Sociology.

Professor Charles A. Beard is also sympathetically interested to the extent of casting his ballot occasionally for the socialist standard bearer. Both Professors Giddings and Beard lecture at the Rand School of Social Science, an institution at No. 112 Nineteenth street, founded for the purpose of teaching socialism. The school is headquarters for the political propaganda of the radicals, but may be obtained and voting socialists receive the instruction at reduced rates. Professor Giddings lectures in Nineteenth street on sociology, but he disclaims any intention of teaching socialism. He merely talks of its history and theories as incidentally to his general course, but his socialistic leanings are so obvious that he has to say and refer to him as one of the comrades. Professor Beard instructs the Rand students in "The History of the State."

Others of the faculty of Columbia University who, while disclaiming the title of socialist, say they are not hostile to the cult are also sympathetically well in it are Professors James T. Shotwell and John Dewey. Professor Dewey occasionally goes to Hellen Hall to commune with Upton Sinclair. There is also a small following of socialists among the students of the Teachers' College, which is affiliated with Columbia.

Although the authorities of the College of the City of New York do not take kindly to socialism and provide a small amount of literature on the subject for the library, the movement is stronger there than in any other college in the city. Many of the students are of foreign parentage and have at home and in their life outside of the institution the influences of socialism. Literature of the compact pocket variety is freely circulated among them and a chapter is in process of formation. The institution, as one of the officers of the college expressed it, is honeycombed with socialism. The students take special delight in discussing all the questions which appertain to the new order of things which they are sure is soon to come. Upton Sinclair was graduated from the City College in 1897, and his influence is strong among the students.

One of the most interesting phases of the spread of the socialistic idea is evidenced in the interest shown by the feminine intellectuals of Bryn Mawr. This college for women, which is situated near Philadelphia, has a practically secret chapter for the faculty declined to permit it to be organized within the school, but a class, however, which meets outside of the school walls. It was last year taught by Miss Elizabeth Blanchard, who delivered lectures and directed a course of reading. A strong effort is being made this year to gain a footing for the tenets of socialism in such institutions as Wellesley, Vassar and Smith colleges.

Some idea of the support which the students' movement toward socialism is receiving may be gained from reading the names of those who signed the call for the organization of the society. Among them are Professor Oscar Lovell Briggs, formerly of the University of Chicago; Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson, of Boston; Mrs. Charlott Perkins Gilman, William English Walling and B. O. Fowler.

## Germany's Evolution

From the Montreal Gazette

The Berlin correspondent of the London Times, in commenting on Prince Bismarck's later speech (that of the 14th ult.), said that his explanation of the beginning of "well-politik" was not quite accurate. The Chancellor attributed the great change which had begun before the empire had completed a dozen years to the rapid increase of population, the mighty expansion of industry, the enterprise and boldness of German merchants, and the growth of the nation's trade. The Times' correspondent says that it was not the adventures of German merchants who had demanded a new policy, but the government, and, above all, the present Emperor. Now, as some of our readers can doubtless recall, the course of events during the half dozen years (1879-1885), in which the policy of colonial expansion took shape, under Bismarck's direction, it is easy to show that both disputants are measurably right, though each of them has so accentuated his view as to lead to misunderstanding.

One thing has been lost sight of. It is to certain preceding events, and the admission of a British minister that Germany's expansion policy was in the first place made to assume an air of rivalry to that of Great Britain, of hinc illae lacrymae. Nor were the tears figurative—mere symbols of chagrin at opportunities lost. Quite otherwise. They were the natural consequence of profound, prolonged and wide-spread suffering, in which for some years Germany herself has been sharing. The name of Angora Pequena (little city of Gove) may today have been an international synonym, but there was a time when it loomed large in many a despatch column. It was at first associated with the name of Herr Luderitz, a tobacco merchant of Bremen, but by and by it was identified with the Bismarckian velvet, though the name had not yet come into fashion. The Angora Pequena crisis (for crisis it was, though in England not recognized as such) took place in 1885, and it may be well to say a few words about the preceding events, which to some extent accounted for Germany's new attitude and England's blindness.

In the year 1858 the great firm of Godeffroy & Co., of Hamburg, who represented German enterprise in the Pacific, established their headquarters at Samoa. From that centre they pushed their agencies southward to the Tonga group (the Friendly Archipelago), and northward through the Kinsmills, Ellice, Gilbert, Marshall and other groups, and finally through the Carolines, to the island of Yap, at the entrance of the Sea of Luzon. In a few years Yap was to acquire fame in connection with a great iron-ore—the end of the Kulu-Kampff. Meanwhile the Godeffroys purchased land there (about 3,000 acres) and formed a settlement, which was to serve as a half-way house (so to speak) between their establishment at Samoa (the Navigators) and their older agencies on the coast of China and Cochin. The Pacific trade of a German merchant was now largely in coconut, or dried coconuts, from which an important oil is extracted. For twenty-one years the influence of the Godeffroys in the Pacific was so great that it was again and again expected (especially in the later seventies) that Germany would follow up their operations by the formal occupation of several of the groups. It was not, however, until the year 1879, after the failure of the Godeffroys, that those who had taken over their plantations applied to the Kaiser for a grant of their rights. It was refused, and Bismarck, in sudden anger, warned all South Sea traders that they must defend their own interests. Nevertheless, neither the Chancellor's words nor the Liberal rebuff that had provoked them were taken so seriously as to prevent or

even retard the operations of the "adventurers." Fresh settlements were begun north of New Guinea, and German merchants became bolder and bolder. It was gradually realized, especially in France (to which Bismarck had given a sort of roving commission for the glory of the republic's flag) that the cautious policy of the first decade after the war was about to be modified, and that Bismarck would soon claim for Germany the carte-blanc for over-sea enlargement which he had previously been holding out to France. Needless to say it was to Germany's comfort that France, as soon as she had begun to recover her strength, should seek employment for the rising generation in distant continents and archipelagoes rather than let it brood over the lost prizes of the great Louis. How successfully (on the whole) France followed his advice the world's map sufficiently reveals.

But now circumstances had changed. The Dreihund, in its first form, and became a reality, as did Russia, and she became a combination with France, was effectively held in check. It mattered less, therefore, whether the government of the republic was engaged in distant enterprises and, on the other hand, there was no reason why Germany should not establish "factories," or even initiate colonies, in the Pacific or in Africa. It was in accordance with the policy thus outlined that the merchant adventurers of the Empire began to put on a bolder front in their dealings with the government for protection.

Now, as already hinted, it was because Angora Pequena marked the first stage in this new direction of Bismarck's policy that the name is worth recalling. But there are still other reasons why it should be considered memorable. It encouraged the Boers of the Transvaal in their hostility to the British settlers, and led to the Jameson raid. Emperor William's telegram, the futile conference of seven years ago, and all the bloodshed, bitterness and international complications that followed. And, as for the Germans themselves, whatever they may have gained by the policy then initiated, they certainly have not escaped hardships and sorrow in the hinterland of Angora Pequena. Herr Luderitz had purchased from the natives a trading station on the bay and a parcel of territory back of it. It was recognized that Great Britain had rights either there or not far away. It was well known that England regarded South Africa as a sphere of influence. On the Indian ocean attempts had already been made to buy out the Portuguese. At one time the negotiations seemed to be well advanced. But discord in every form—racial, partisan, religious—had already obtained possession both of South Africa and of those who represented the country before the outside world. Cecil Rhodes had not yet won prominence, and Sir Bartle Frere, who had anticipated his ideal of a great British African dominion extending from the Zambesi to the Cape, was discontinued and discredited. The result of the unhappy situation that prevailed was that when Herr Luderitz applied to his government for a confirmation of his plans and for protection of his colony, neither the government at home nor that of the Cape knew what stand to take. They hesitated and vacillated so much that Bismarck saw he had nothing to fear, and before long the German flag waved over the whole coast from the Orange river to the Portuguese border, the enclave of Walvisch Bay excepted. Two years later Bismarck presided at an international colonial conference, with Stanley as his right-hand man; and ten years after that the Kaiser congratulated his henchman, Paul Kruger.

## Mistook the Color

Dearest George—Aunt has related at last, and we are going to the masked ball because she thinks that you are not. Do not come. I will be in many domains, and will wear a bunch of violets, so you can't mistake me. Ever yours,

"Good business!" George Saumarez said to himself triumphantly. "If we don't circumvent the old dragon and have a jolly hour together, I don't know George Saumarez or Kitty Marsh either."

"A mauve domino," he reflected. "Must be one of your faded aesthetic colors if Kitty wears it, but which of 'em?"

Then a brilliant idea struck him. "Perhaps Fitzgerald would know."

No sooner thought than it was acted upon. A thundering knock upon Fitzgerald's door on the other side elicited a muffled response, and Saumarez opened the door and plunged into a perfect fog of tobacco smoke.

"Hello here, Fitzgerald," he cried, eagerly, "you know mauve when you see it?"

"Yes," said Fitzgerald, getting up from his chair, and wandering about the room. "I know exactly what it looks like if I could only get something like it to show you."

"Eureka!" he exclaimed presently, pulling a book out of his bookcase. "Here it is. This is the very color."

It was a book prettily bound in colored linen; but, alas for Mr. Fitzgerald's power of vision, the color was—sage green, but Saumarez went away perfectly satisfied.

The ball was in full swing. He felt bewildered. However, he began to work his way through the crowded dancing room, when he caught sight of a lady seated not far from the door who looked very much like the person he was in search of.

The domino, he was sure, was the same color as Fitzgerald's book, and there was the bouquet of violets "to make assurance doubly sure."

He felt confident as he went up to her, and a quantity of beautifully dressed hair looked so familiar on closer inspection that it was without a quail that he bent over her and asked her for the dance just beginning.

She seemed to hesitate, so he stooped and whispered in her ear:

"Don't you know me, Kitty? Was I not lucky to find you so soon?"

She murmured something he did not catch and rose and laid her hand on his arm.

"We don't want to dance, do we?" he said. "Let us go outside."

They did so and found the passage almost deserted, so they retired to a sofa cosily set at the end of it.

"This one will do," said Saumarez cheerfully. "The dragon won't venture into the hall, or else at all safe. Haven't we done her nicely?"

"Don't be too sure of that, Mr. George Saumarez," said a voice that made him start up again in a great hurry.

At the same time his companion took off her domino and disclosed the features of Kitty Marsh.

"I thought you were your niece," he remarked brilliantly.

"So I imagined," she said dryly.

He stood looking such a picture of dismay that her severity suddenly gave way, and she leaned back on the sofa and laughed till the tears ran down her cheeks.

Her merriment made Saumarez feel more like a fool than ever. Just then a couple appeared at the head of the passage, and the shorter domino of the two, apparently catching sight of them, dismissed her partner in a very summary manner and hurried down the corridor.

"Whatever is the matter, aunt?" she cried. "Are you ill? Why—George—'Yes,' said Miss Marsh, recovering her composure and sitting very erect. "It is George, and a very clever George he is too, and he has just mistaken me for you."

Amazement and consternation kept Kitty silent, and she could only stand and gaze alternately at George and her aunt.

Miss Marsh turned on her with a sudden sharpness:

"How did Mr. Saumarez know we were coming tonight?"

"I wrote to him," stammered Kitty.

"And was that honorable?" said her aunt severely.

"Perhaps not," broke in George, "but you must remember, Miss Marsh, that she was treated so very harshly. Kitty and I love each other, and we will not give each other up, especially as you have no real objection to me."

This with great dignity.

"We must go, Kitty," Miss Marsh remarked evenly. "I don't care for this style of entertainment. I must confess, perhaps Mr. Saumarez will see us home, and come in and have some supper."

Miss Marsh waited for no more, but sailed down the passage, leaving George and Kitty to follow.

"What does it mean, Kitty?" he whispered anxiously.

"It means that she has given in," returned that astute young lady. "And she will be awfully nice now. That's her way; but, George, she went on, 'how could you mistake her for me? Don't you know what mauve looks like, you goose?'"

George burst out laughing and told her of his experience that evening.

"And I will have something to say to Fitzgerald tomorrow, see if I don't," he wound up.

"You are off easily, George," laughed Kitty. "It was such a lucky mistake."

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# "A Great Mistake"

An automobile was stopping in front of the inn as a second arrived which had evidently met with some accident. People came running out to help repair it. A lady, hidden to her ears in a heavy fur coat, was leaning out of the car window instructing the chauffeur.

A gentleman in the first auto was asking the way to Chateau Cour-sur-Seules, the country seat of Countess Valois.

"Straight ahead, sir," replied the landlord. "Just follow the telegraph poles and you cannot miss it."

"Thank you."

He was just about to order his chauffeur to go on when the lady stopped him.

"Excuse me, sir, I hear you are going to the court. Would you please do me a great favor?"

"It will give me a great pleasure to be able to do anything for you, madame."

"Will you please tell Countess Valois that I am delayed because of a puncture and that she need not worry about me. Oh, I forgot to give you my name—Baroness de Fouché."

Fernand descended from his auto. "If you have no objection, I would be very pleased to have you take a seat in my car."

"It is rather against good form."

"But Baroness, I should be exceedingly happy if I might be allowed to do a favor for a friend of the Countess."

From his name she judged that he was probably of German or Dutch descent. Germaine must have met him during her last trip throughout Holland. "I have only known Countess Valois for a few months. She is a most charming lady."

"Oh, I love Germaine. You are also a friend of hers, I suppose?"

"My family comes from Norway, but I have traveled very extensively, and have met a number of most interesting persons of high rank. Only a few months ago, during my trip throughout England, King Edward sent for me—I have met him while he was still Prince of Wales."

"He is very pleasant, isn't he, and very elegant?"

"He dresses in exceedingly good taste, but his shoes are poor, and I told him so."

"You did?"

"Yes, in his own interest. He was suffering from sore feet, as was also the Duke of Connaught."

"You know him too?"

"Yes, just as I know the Crown Prince of Germany, Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, Abdul Bey, the nephew of the Sultan, and a number of other crowned heads, from head to foot," he added.

# Country of Upper Peace

W. H. Footner in Edmonton Bulletin.

Dunvegan is one of the oldest posts in the North. It was famous in the old York factory days and even up to within a few years, it was the headquarters of the Hudson's Bay company for the Peace River district. The big warehouse and store are still standing, with the office between and behind is the trim cottage of the factor surrounded by maple trees and sunflowers. At present Dunvegan is the loneliest post in the North. The total population are two white men and a half breed, and an occasional camp of Beaver Indians. The life of the settlement has been drained by the topographical features of the country. Spirit river and Grande Prairie. But Dunvegan may have a greater future than ever before. It. Duncan McDonald believes so, (he is the second white man) and he is prepared to wait years for it if need be. As I mentioned in a previous article, Dunvegan is the natural place, and practically the only place for a railway to cross the Peace. Since writing that I have heard of a railway from Dunvegan to Edmonton to Dunvegan and northward is to be applied for at the next session of the Alberta legislature. So Duncan MacDonald may be right after all.

At Dunvegan the trail crosses the Peace River again and continues due south for fifteen miles to Spirit River where there are about fifteen white settlers. This is a ranching community. Small crops are raised but there are no implements in the country but ploughs and harrows and a curious little threshing machine which was brought from France by the priests somewhere in the dim past and is known locally as the "man-killing" machine. The beautiful little prairie comprising perhaps a hundred square miles at Spirit River. The soil is excellent and will grow practically anything. The trouble is that it costs seven dollars a hundred to bring in freight from Edmonton. The leading white settler at Spirit River is Charles Brenner, who has been in the country for twenty years. He owns a hundred and fifty head of cattle. Beef, I may say, sells at twelve and a half cents a pound by the carcass. There have been two first class seasons and the trappers have averaged a thousand dollars each in a winter. In consequence, there is a ready sale for flashy jewelry, perfume, and luxuries and there is a continual round of dances and big spreads during the winter.

The whole of this part of the country is made up of alternating patches of bush and prairie country. To the east of the Spirit River is Grizzly Bear prairie, to the south is Grand Prairie which contains nearly 1,000 square miles, and to the west are the Pouce Coupe, Red Willow and Beaver Lodge prairies. This is the country of the chinook wind and mild open winters.

It has been my intention to see Grand Prairie, but on the way up I heard so much of the romantic reputation of Pouce Coupe (Pooz Coupee) that I decided to go to see it all cost it.

The season was growing late and there was not time to do both, so I was compelled to depend upon hearsay for my information about Grande Prairie.

This big stretch of country lies about fifty miles south of Spirit River. It is roughly speaking about sixty miles square. Opinions differ widely as to the value of the land. The truth of the matter is that much poor land and much good land as well may be found in this big tract. Out in the middle of the prairie it has been repeatedly burned over and the land is full of great cracks. The soil is principally gumbo. Around the edges of the prairie, though, is to be found some of the finest land in the country, especially in the vicinity of Kleskan lake to the east, which is spoken of with the greatest enthusiasm by all who have seen it. There are half a dozen or more white settlers at Grande Prairie, each of which has a small bunch of cattle. Nothing is grown there except a few oats

taining us between monthfuls with the story of the day's hunt. Although I could not understand his language I could follow the story very well from his graphic gestures. They tell these endless stories with the most loving little details of the country they have traversed, here a little muskrat, there a tall spruce with a side of a clear spring beyond a round hill. The boys hear these stories ap from their infancy and this accounts for their amazing knowledge of the country. But such knowledge does not extend very far. Take an Indian out of his own little district and he is quite at a loss. They are not great travelers.

There was another great fire, only eighteen feet long built down the center of Pierre's tepee with a great rack of moose meat above it. We all laid down in a row with our feet towards it, first the seven small children then the mother and father, then Michel and I. In the night a furious storm came up and the rain streamed into the gaping tepee. We were drenched by morning, but quickly dried ourselves before the great fire built by Mrs. Pierre.

Pouce Coupe prairie is a beautiful little tract containing about two hundred miles. Both the G. T. P. and C. N. R. survey parties have drawn lines across it on the way to the Pine Pass. It was badly burned over last summer and it will be several seasons before the grass covers as the sod has been burned right off in places. Before the fire, I was told the grass was knee high in June. It is without doubt an extraordinarily favored little district. All the streams run in deep coulees. They are apt to dry up at the end of the season.

One day as we were quietly trotting over the tender green grass which had sprung up since the fire, we saw a big brown bear quietly browsing in a little poplar bluff. We only had one twenty-two rifle in the party and that had been damaged the day before by one of the horses stepping on it. Bruin was not more than twenty yards from us. He looked at us and then he looked at Michel and went on with his meal. Michel crept up as close as possible and plucked him with his little pop-gun. Then with a series of yells the four of us bore down on him and bruin stayed not on the order of his going but took to the prairie. I was a glorious chase. I had a big bear on my mind and I was fast. They crossed their hind legs right over the front ones as you have seen them in comic pictures and progress in a series of bounds. At the time my horse was so close I could almost have leaned over and dropped a stone on him but I had no weapon of any kind, not even a rope.

In swerving suddenly, my stirrup broke and I promptly went off on my head, much to the amusement of Michel. When I managed to gather myself together and to catch my horse, the hunting party had disappeared over a hill. I caught up to them shortly afterwards and found that Mr. bear had hidden himself in a poplar bluff and they were trying to beat him out. To make a long story short the chase occupied a good two hours. The unfortunate bear tried all the tricks he knew, he climbed trees, he hid himself in the thickest undergrowth, he dashed from cover to cover, but all to no avail. Finally he gave up and burred his head between his paws waiting for us to despatch him. A bullet in the brain did it. When we came to skin him we found his hide riddled with the tiny bullets.

After this we lived on bear steaks and chops for a week and very good meat it is too.

The final dash through the woods was very exciting. Michel was anxious to get out before dark and he set a tremendous pace. I was bringing up the rear with old Cy as usual and I had my troubles. Cy hadn't any idea of following the trail. He simply made straight for the trail of the horse ahead regardless of any obstacles.

When his pack hit anything, something had to give way. I had to keep him up at any cost, for if he lost sight of the horse ahead he lost his bearing altogether and traveled in a circle.

Finally we broke into a regular gallop through the bush. In the gathering darkness it required sharp work to avoid the branches which swung over the trail about the level of one's head. We made camp at Spirit River about eight o'clock and the next day started on our long journey home.

## SEAWEED IN JAPAN.

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Papan, which wastes nothing in its domestic economy, realizes \$2,000,000 annually from its seaweed products. According to the report of C. J. Davidson, an attaché of the British Embassy at Tokio, more than fifty varieties of the seaweed found along the Japanese coast are utilized either for food or as manufactured products.

The traveler sees bundles of dried seaweed, white with the crystallized salt of the sea water, hung from the front of every food stall. The coarser varieties are steamed and served with fish. Some of the delicate sprigs of sea grass are boiled with fish soup and remain a vivid green, floating against the red lacquer of the soup bowls.

Other species of seaweed are used in the manufacture of glue, of plaster and of starch. Whole villages are given over to seaweed fishing and the drying and packing of the product for shipment to the manufacturing plants in the large cities. In the country along the coast the seaweed is used for the coarse and rope help for fertilizing their vegetable fields.

During the past few years the Japanese Government has taken up the subject of the seaweed industry for the purpose of giving it encouragement. Experiments have been carried on in many places along the coast with a view to increasing the yield of the deep water algae. The Government offers a reward for the best method of producing iodine from sea plants.

## COMFORT FOR SMOKERS.

Lovers of tobacco in its many seductive forms who have been at times a trifle conscience-stricken by reason of the alleged deleterious effects of the habit upon the mind and body should hearten up to be able to smoke their pipes in peace, since no less an authority than the London Lancet, the foremost journal of the medical world, has risen up to declare in the most deliberative and positive way that tobacco smoke contains an appreciable amount of formaldehyde, one of the most powerful of antiseptics and germ killers. It is because of the presence of this chemical agent in tobacco smoke that users of the weed are largely immune, it is said of certain dread diseases of the throat, lungs, and nasal passages. The reasoning, which seems to be logical and convincing, is that the smoke, passing through the mouth and nose, effectually disposes of the microbes constantly deposited there, and thus, supplies the needful ounce of prevention for many diseases. While one part of formaldehyde in 10,000 parts of water is sufficient to destroy all bacterial life, the amount of the poison in tobacco smoke is so infinitesimal that it has no injurious effect upon the human organism.—Leslie's Weekly.

France manufactures 5 1-2 millions worth of ribbons yearly.

# "DISOBEDIENCE"

An Episode of the Plains, by A. Leacock

The woman made her way to the door and looked out. The moon was riding swiftly through the heavens. The night was raw. She drew her cape closely about her and listened attentively. Not a sound save the falling of leaves upon the crisp earth. She stood for a moment wrapped in the silence, scarce daring to breathe. When a big branch in the forest nearby went crashing to earth, she stepped back quickly into the house and bolted the door.

She moved over to the fireplace and threw on a few logs of wood. It was green wood and she found difficulty in making it burn. After she had succeeded in raising a cheerful blaze, she crouched down on a stool near it and reached out her hands. Her face was pale and her eyes looked hunted. She had never been so frightened before.

A few months previous she might have been called a comely girl. It had been a runaway match. She had met the man of her choice at the house of an acquaintance to which she had been forbidden. He had praised her dovetail eyes and she had fallen an easy victim to his flattery. She was an orphan and her aunt had written to her that she need not look for forgiveness to her. She had been married scarcely a month when she began to apprehend that there was something wrong about her husband. They had come straight to Texas, to a small ranch in the south central part, 10 miles from a railroad. Her husband was presumably a ranchman. Recently he had left her a good deal of money and when she had expostulated, her words had been met with stolid indifference.

Tonight he had promised to be home early, and she had made up her mind to tell him that she would go home to her friends in Georgia rather than live in exile.

For hours she sat crouching on the stool in almost breathless anxiety, listening for the sound that would intimate his coming. Just before midnight it came upon her ear, the clatter, clatter of a horse's hoofs. Her heart gave a great bound of joy and she started to her feet. What if it should not be he? The thought struck terror to her. She rose and went swiftly to a closet and drew out a pistol, which she placed upon the table. Then she dimmed the light and waited. In a minute's time the horseman drew rein. It was not her husband, for he was in the habit of calling out to her. The second loud knock she spoke in as strong a tone as she could muster.

"Who's there?"

"Let me in quick," came back in a quavering voice. "I mean you no harm. I've come to protect you."

But what of you and from what do I need protection?"

"I'm Crazy Bill from Mansfield. I was in Jim Baldwin's barn when I heard them talking—the robbers. They've quarreled. In a few minutes they'll be here—after your husband's gold. He's one of them. Take a price on his head. Let me in quick."

Even as the boy spoke there came the sound of approaching horses.

The few times the woman had seen Crazy Bill, at Mansfield, she had been annoyed at his rude staring. He was considered harmless, though she had felt that she would not like to be left with him alone.

The clattering of horses grew louder. In despair what to do, she picked up the pistol from the table, cocked it, and unbolted the door. "Crazy Bill" slid in. Not any too soon, for the men were upon them with loud oaths suggestive of drink. They appeared to be two of them.

"Open the door," said one with a ban.

No answer forthcoming, they commenced hacking it down.

"Why do you come here to disturb me," called out the woman. "This is my home, and my husband may be here any moment. Be off with you."

"Crazy Bill" drew a brace of pistols at the belt. He placed himself in a position to shoot the first one who entered. The woman was stationed at the window.

"Let us in now, and none of your fooling," said one of the men. "We'll make quick work of you for this." The window crashed just as the clatter of another horse became distinct, which sound caused a howl of oaths from both men. The woman felt instinctively that the approaching horseman was her husband; it was her duty to save him if she could.

"The money is under the bedroom floor in a hole in the earth," said a low voice outside. "Get through the window, kill the woman and we may be off with the gold before he gets here."

There was a vigorous strike at the door, which completed its destruction. At the same time Crazy Bill's pistol went off, and the woman, with a yell, leaped not counted upon the presence of two in the room. The man at the window turned upon the newcomer, who at the moment rode up.

"We told you not to bring anyone here," he said in an angry voice. "She's discovered the gold and informed on us. 'Crazy Bill's' in there."

"I'll end her for that," came from between muffled lips. The speaker sprang through the window, but to meet with the same fate as his confederate. "Crazy Bill's" pistol ball crashed through his skull. He fell forward on the floor.

Forgetful of all else, the woman leaned over and wiped the death damp from her husband's brow. He had not always been unkind to her, and the sight of his white face caused her to well up into tears. She placed his hand over his heart. It was still. She felt the little miniature she had given him for a wedding gift. So he was not so bad after all; he had carried her likeness next to his heart. She drew it forth. The face that looked back at her was not her own. It was that of a woman with a child in her arms. A strange chill crept over her, she saved back and forth, and then fell prostrate on the floor.

When she opened her eyes, she found herself in a dark room, and at her side a Mexican girl, who held something to her lips. From the next room came the low voices of a number of men. She learned from what they said that the place that she called her home was the headquarters of a trio of robbers, two of whom were dead, the other had escaped. The speakers were citizens of Mansfield. She heard one of them ask if they had found the money. The answer came in the negative. She knew that at lay buried under the floor of the room in which she was lying.

It was several days before she felt strong enough to think at all. Thoughts of her home back in Georgia fitted through her brain, as strength gradually came to her. She would return repentant, like the prodigal of old, as soon as she was able. She had suffered a bitter experience from which she would never fully recover.

But she was young yet, for the rest of her life she must make amends. She asked after Crazy Bill. Had his presence been of real benefit to her, or had it excited her men to greater ferocity, she wondered. She was told that the boy had made incessant inquiries for her.

A week later she told where the money was buried. In an excavation five feet under the floor of her bedroom, four iron boxes were found, filled to the brim with greenbacks, silver and gold. The money was taken to Mansfield and deposited in the bank. It amounted considerably up into the thousands.

For herself she wanted nothing more than to get back to her old home, where she had begun her life, and where she might begin it anew—far away from the blue sky of Texas. As for her unhappy experience, she knew that she had only herself to blame, for regarding fate, more often we create our own: "Our deeds are our doomsmen."

# "AFRICAN MUSIC"

The natives can bring out wonderful results from this musical medium. In some districts the privilege of playing the xylophone is reserved to princes of the royal blood.

Natives of Central Africa possess a great variety of wind instruments, but they are for the most part of a rude character, made from such materials as are readily adapted themselves to the purpose. They are divided into three general classes—trumpets, flutes and whistles.

As a rule, trumpets are made of ivory, horn or wood, and during the most common. These are generally varied with more or less skill, bearing images of birds, crocodiles and animals, and sometimes ornamented with rude representations of human heads, possibly out of respect to some native Mozart or Wagner.

Sometimes a band of seven or more trumpets in different keys has been heard playing in remarkable harmony so much so, in fact, as to elicit praise from travelers who have heard the music.

Africans rejoice in a great number and variety of whistles. Materials for these are taken from both animal and vegetable sources.

A talented maker of musical instruments can contrive a whistle as cleverly from the jaw of a crab as from the horn of an antelope. Tails of monkeys are used in the construction of whistles as often as reeds that grow along the river banks.

The whistle is an important adjunct to the tam-tam in war. Its shrill notes are intended to strike terror to the hearts of the enemy. Feroes men also use it in their appeals to superstitious belief.

Some fairly musical flutes are found in the orchestras of the Dark Continent. In some cases a number of reeds are bound together, and produce an effect that is by no means unpleasant. Some of the natives play the flute with their noses.

One peculiar construction of a combination of flutes is the marimba, which has the effect of the reeds enhanced by having them bound to a hollow piece of wood, or sounding board.

The march of many a caravan is enhanced by the notes of the marimba, and in some sections it serves the more practical purpose of summoning the people to pay their taxes.

Stringed instruments began in a simple way, but have been evolved to a point where they rank fairly well with the harp, guitar and mandolin of Europe and America.

A common form of mandolin has a bent stem and the body covered with skin, instead of wood. This generally has five strings.

All natives, of course, cannot play upon the more complicated of musical instruments, especially the stringed instruments, in the eastern and central sections there are many professional musicians, who wander from place to place like the troubadours of old, chasing deeds of battle and song, and their chiefs as they produce the music of their country.

"Where was he struck by the automobile," asked the courtier, "the junction of the dorsal and cervical vertebrae," answered the surgeon. "Will you please point that out on the map?" asked the courtier. "That hung on the wall," Chicago Tribune.

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**90-ACRE FARM**—Good soil, \$2,750.

**3½ ACRES**—House, barn, near car line, \$5,500.

**½ ACRE**—All clear, off St. Charles street, \$550.

**320 ACRES**—Railway and river through land, \$15 per acre.

**100 ACRES**—40 acres natural meadow, \$10 per acre.

**3-ACRE FRUIT AND FOWL RANCH**—A few miles out, \$1,000.

**36 ACRES**—Inside city limits. Inquire.

**4-ACRE RANCH**—Outside city limits, complete equipment, \$3,500.

**5-ACRE FRUIT RANCH**—Highly cultivated, splendid soil, inside city, \$5,000.

**800 ACRES**—Fine, black, loamy soil, all fenced, 10 room house, \$30 per acre.

**207 ACRES**—Largely timbered, 250 acres bottom land, creek, water power, \$6 per acre.

**11-ACRE CHICKEN AND FRUIT RANCH**—With house, furniture, stock, implements, \$4,200.

**100 ACRES**—Well timbered, cottage, \$2,200.

**20 ACRES**—Fine residential property.

**200 ACRES**—80 acres swamp, 30 acres cleared some time ago, 120 acres heavily timbered, \$1,750, mortgage \$850.

**4 ACRES**—6 room house and fine orchard, inside city.

**5½ ACRES**—All under cultivation, 5 room cottage, outside city limits, \$3,675.

**14 ACRES**—House, fruit, Gordon Head, \$6,825.

**100 ACRES**—Log cabin, stable, chicken houses, 12 piazzas, \$500 per acre.

**¾ ACRE**—Cleared, fenced, hillside road.

**4-40 ACRES**—Some distance from Douglas street car line, \$650 per acre.

**100 ACRES**—Saanich, \$125 per acre.

**243 ACRES**—Timbered, chiefly cedar, mile water frontage, \$15 per acre.

**50-ACRE FAIRLY**—South Saanich, \$6,300.

**10 ACRES**—Valuable water frontage, cottage, stable, chicken house, fruit trees, \$500 per acre.

**63 ACRES**—12 room house, barn and other outbuildings, not far from Fountain, Douglas street.

**3-1½ ACRES**—Shoal Bay, 5 minutes from car line, \$3,000.

**2½ ACRES**—Shoal Bay, cottage, chicken houses, orchard, water frontage.

**7 ROOM HOUSE**—On 53 ft. x 140 ft. lot, Niagara street, \$2,850; mortgage \$1,700.

**7 ROOM COTTAGE**—On 60 ft. x 120 ft. lot, Fort street, \$1,200; \$1,000 cash, rest 6 per cent.

**6 ROOM HOUSE**—On 60 ft. x 120 ft. lot, just off car line, \$2,250, half cash, rest terms.

**6 ROOM HOUSE**—Modern, stable and other outhouses, orchard, etc., on 2 60 ft. x 125 ft. lots, Belcher avenue, \$1,000.

**8 ROOM HOUSE**—On full sized lot, Michigan street, \$3,000.

**20 CAMBES**—In good situation, rental \$48 per month; the lot, \$2,000.

**COTTAGE AND 55 ft. x 155 ft. lot**, Pandora street, \$2,100; half cash.

**2 COTTAGES**—On 55 ft. x 155 ft. lot, on Cook street, \$2,100; half cash.

**COTTAGE AND LOT**—On St. Louis street, \$1,200; half cash.

**6 ROOM BUNGALOW**—On Fort street, per month; the lot, \$2,000.

**5 ROOM COTTAGE**—On 45 ft. x 130 ft. lot, with stable and other outhouses, \$1,575.

**5 ROOM, ETC., COTTAGE**—With stable on 50 ft. x 140 ft. lot, on Caledonia avenue, \$1,750; half cash, balance \$100 per lot at 6 per cent.

**5 ROOM COTTAGE**—On 85 ft. x about 100 ft. lot, in vicinity of new C. P. R. hotel, \$2,100; 1,000 down, rest mortgage at 6 per cent.

**7 ROOM COTTAGE**—On 60 ft. x 120 ft. lot, Fort street, close in, \$1,200; \$1,000 down, rest 6 per cent.

**6 ROOM COTTAGE**—Pantry, bathroom, etc.; \$2,000; half down, rest 6 per cent.

**8 ROOM NEW HOUSE**—On 50 x 150 foot lot, on Carr street; \$3,700; \$1,500 now, rest terms.

**6 ROOM HOUSE**—On 50 x 200 foot lot, with bathroom, pantry and outhouses; \$3,250; \$1,100 down, rest mortgage.

**8 ROOMED HOUSE**—Fine situation and condition; \$7,500.

**8 ROOM HOUSE**—Bathroom, pantry, attic, stable, chicken house, 2 large lots, corner, \$3,075; \$2,000 cash, rest terms.

**RESTAURANT**—Stock, fittings and good will, \$500 to \$600 per month; price \$500.

**8 ROOM HOUSE**—Modern, on 1½ acres of land, stable, shed, chicken houses, orchard, etc., \$3,250.

**5 ROOM COTTAGE**—On valuable 60 ft. x 120 ft. lot, near Beacon Hill Park, \$1,785.

**7 ROOM HOUSE**—On two good lots, all modern conveniences, with stable, etc., \$4,750; \$750 cash, rest terms.

**7 ROOM HOUSE**—Stone foundation, 40 ft. x 140 ft. lot, \$2,750.

**11 ROOM HOUSE**—Stone foundation, fine situation; well kept garden, \$5,250.

**10 ROOM HOUSE**—On 2 acres, 1 acre orchard, outhouses, \$8,500.

**9 ROOM HOUSE**—On 3 lots, off Oak Bay avenue, \$1,500.

**14 ROOM HOUSE**—Stone foundation, fine situation, \$6,500.

**6 ROOM BRICK HOUSE**—Near car line, Victoria West.

**8 ROOM HOUSE**—Modern, large lot, \$4,000.

**5 ROOM COTTAGE**—60 ft. x 120 ft. lot, stable, chicken houses, \$1,600.

**5 ROOM COTTAGE**—Attic, bath, pantry, \$840.

**5 ROOM HOUSE**—On Hillside avenue, \$1,050.

**6 ROOM, ETC., HOUSE**—In nice situation, well kept car line, \$1,800; \$200 down, rest terms.

**8 ROOM MODERN HOUSE**—On three lots.

**5 ROOM HOUSE**—2 years old, 50 ft. x 130 ft. lot, stable, etc., \$1,400.

**1000 BRICK HOUSE**—Stone foundation, 60 ft. x 120 ft. lot, corner, \$4,000; half down, rest terms.

**8 ROOM MODERN HOUSE**—60 ft. x 120 ft. lot, \$4,000; \$1,000 cash, balance 6 per cent.

**6 ROOM HOUSE**—Pantry, bath room, chicken house, 55 ft. x 153 ft. lot.

**6 ROOM HOUSE AND 4 ROOM COTTAGE**—60 ft. x 120 ft. lot.

**7 ROOM BUNGALOW**—Stable, chicken houses, shed, 90 ft. x 132 ft. lot, \$4,300; \$1,600 down, rest 6 per cent.

**5 ROOM, ETC., HOUSE**—Near Beacon Hill Park, \$1,785.

**12 ROOM BRICK AND STONE HOUSE**—At 18 Michigan street, 85 ft. frontage Michigan street, 85 ft. frontage Toronto street, 485 ft. depth between, stable, etc., \$8,500, best present opportunity of its class in the city.

**12 ROOM BRICK AND STONE HOUSE**—Beautiful situation, on 2 fine lots, beautiful garden, cost, over all, \$15,200, \$7,500 built for his own occupation by proprietor; splendidly constructed throughout, and in perfect condition.

**6 ROOM COTTAGE**—And business property, on 64 ft. x 112 ft. lot, \$4,200; corner lot, \$1,050.

**4 ROOM COTTAGE**—Bath room, pantry, corner lot, \$1,050.

**5 ROOM COTTAGE**—With bath room, attic, pantry, and scullery, 60 ft. x 120 ft. lot, \$2,100.

**4 ROOM COTTAGE**—On 50 ft. x 100 ft. lot, in fine situation, \$1,600, terms.

**7 ROOM HOUSE**—On 60 ft. x 120 ft. lot, Yates street, with outhouses and fine garden, recently renovated at an expense of \$800; a bargain.

**7 ROOM HOUSE**—Fine situation and condition; \$7,500.

**8 ROOM HOUSE**—Bathroom, pantry, attic, stable, chicken house, 2 large lots, corner, \$3,075; \$2,000 cash, rest terms.

**RESTAURANT**—Stock, fittings and good will, \$500 to \$600 per month; price \$500.

**8 ROOM HOUSE**—Modern, on 1½ acres of land, stable, shed, chicken houses, orchard, etc., \$3,250.

**5 ROOM COTTAGE**—On valuable 60 ft. x 120 ft. lot, near Beacon Hill Park, \$1,785.

**7 ROOM HOUSE**—On two good lots, all modern conveniences, with stable, etc., \$4,750; \$750 cash, rest terms.

**7 ROOM HOUSE**—Stone foundation, 40 ft. x 140 ft. lot, \$2,750.

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**6 ROOM, ETC., HOUSE**—In nice situation, well kept car line, \$1,800; \$200 down, rest terms.

**8 ROOM MODERN HOUSE**—On three lots.

**120 ft. x 6 in. x 120 ft. lot** on Niagara street, \$500; half cash, rest 6 per cent.

**1 Choice 60 ft. x 120 ft. lot** on Richmond avenue; fine hedge and maples, \$800.

**1 60 ft. x 135 ft. lot**—Corner Fort and Market streets, \$500; \$100 down, rest 6 per cent.

**CORNER LOT**—Cadboro Bay road, \$100.

**INSIDE LOT**—In same locality, \$300.

**3 60 ft. x 120 ft. LOTS**—Close to car line, \$250 each.

**58 ft. x 120 ft. LOT**—On Camosun street, \$570.

**58 ft. x 120 ft. LOT**—Adjoining, \$120.

**50 ft. x 145 ft. LOT**—On Bodwell street, \$370.

**50 ft. x 145 ft. LOT**—Adjoining, \$370.

**80 ft. x 210 ft. LOT**—Off Cadboro Bay road, \$1,000; \$175 cash.

**7 50 ft. x 115 ft. LOTS**—All under cultivation, with comfortable 8 room house, \$700; half cash, (best snap of the kind in the city).

**3 LARGE LOTS**—On Summit avenue, \$200 each.

**1 CORNER LOT**—Same vicinity, \$250.

**50 ft. x 150 ft. LOT**—Craigflower road, \$100.

**50 ft. x 120 ft. LOT**—In fine situation, near Beacon Hill Park, \$500.

**2 LOTS AND COTTAGE**—On Cadboro Bay road, \$950; half cash.

**5 FINE OAK BAY LOTS**—\$900 each.

**2 LOTS**—On Douglas street, with cottage, \$500; half cash.

**2 50 ft. x 120 ft. LOTS**—In good locality, cleared and cultivated, \$300 each.

**60 ft. x 120 ft. LOT**—Well situated, stable, fenced, \$700.

**60 ft. x 120 ft. LOT**—On Government street, \$1,200.

**2 50 ft. x 141 ft. LOTS**—On Caledonia avenue, \$1,100.

**50 ft. x 141 ft. LOT**—Well placed, same location, \$700.

**50 ft. x 120 ft. CORNER**—Charles and Denman streets, \$350.

**50 ft. x 120 ft. CORNER**—Charles street and Albert avenue, \$350.

**2 FINE LOTS**—Off Oak Bay avenue, \$300 each.

**SOME of the commanding sites** on Smith Hill still for sale.

**GOVERNMENT STREET**—Lot, \$1,000; terms.

**2 LOTS**—Corner Richmond street and Oak Bay avenue, \$800 each.

**1 50 ft. x 120 ft. lot**, on St. Andrew's street, off Niagara street, \$810.

**2 LOTS**—On Denman street, all clear, \$350 each.

**2 60 ft. x 120 ft. LOTS**—Off Oak Bay avenue, \$300 each.

**Dividend No. 3**, amounting to 20 per cent., will be paid by the Trustee at his office, 75 Government street, on and after Thursday, the 20th inst., between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p. m., to the creditors who have proved their claim to be entitled to rank on the above estate. Kindly remember that interest certificates have to be produced.

**B. S. HEISTERMAN**, Trustee.  
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 18th, 1906.

**Victoria Water Works**  
Tenders for Water Pipes

Tenders, sealed, endorsed, "Tenders for Water Pipes," and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to 3 p. m. on Monday, the 21st day of January 1907, for the supplying of 4,000 feet of 6 inch, and 10,000 feet of 4 inch cast iron water pipes, as per standard specification of the Victoria Water Works, copies of which can be obtained at the office of the undersigned. The pipes will require to be delivered on or before the 1st day of May 1907. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

**"W. W. NORTHCOTT"**  
Purchasing Agent.  
City Hall, Victoria, B. C.  
12th December, 1906.

**RUPTURE**  
MECHANICALLY TREATED.  
**HEARD'S**  
76 YATES STREET, VICTORIA.

**Notice of Dividend**

Notice is hereby given that the International Coal & Coke Company, Limited, declared on February 1, 1907, pay a dividend of one per cent. on its issued and outstanding capital stock. Said dividend will be paid to registered shareholders on the 15th day of February 1907, both days inclusive. All unregistered shareholders must send their stock before the first mentioned date to the Secretary at the office of the company, Fernwell Building, Spokane, Washington.

Dated at Spokane, Washington, December 12, 1906.

**W. G. GRAVES**, Secretary International Coal & Coke Company, Limited.

**Notice.**

I hereby give notice that all persons are warned against purchasing or acquiring any wood, charcoal, potatoes, tools, hogs, chickens and horses, which are now situated on the South three hundred acres of Sidney Island, as I have a controlling interest in the said property and any sale or sales must be made through me or the firm of Hong Lee & Co.

**LIM SAM.**

**Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap**  
Powder is a boon to any home. It disinfects and cleans at the same time.

**FOR SALE**  
**FINEST BUILDING SITE**  
**ON**  
**DALLAS ROAD**  
**A. W. BRIDGMAN**  
41 Government Street.

**Parsons, Love & Co.**  
REAL ESTATE AGENTS.  
74 DOUGLAS ST.

**\$100 PER ACRE**—4 ten-acre blocks, fine location, fine soil; the last of a good list. Living stream available.

**OVER 50 ACRES**—Cordova Bay, with 300 feet water front, 7 room house, barn, stable, sheds, 3 good wells; 2½ acres in orchard; 8 acres cleared, balance good wood with cedar. \$200 per acre. Terms, \$100 per acre. 10% down, balance 10% per year.

**OVER 10 ACRES**—Cordova Bay; about 280 feet water front. \$200 per acre.

**50 ACRES**—With road to water front, Cordova Bay; 5 acres cultivated; 9 acres cleared, \$25.150. Terms.

**10 ACRES**—Oak Bay avenue; \$1550 per acre.

**1 ACRE**—6 roomed house, good barn, 20 stables, wind mill, stream of water, 3 miles from city post office; \$7,000. Terms.

**LOT—10x150**, Florence road; half in fruit, apple, pear and cherry trees. Close to E. & N. track. \$700.

**2 LOTS** on Queen's avenue, each 70 x 110; \$850 each.

**LOT**—Corner Blanchard and Bay, 71x141; \$750.

**LOTS**—Near Hillside avenue; fine location, \$250 and \$300.

**ACREAGE PROPERTY**—In city, 20 minutes' walk from post office; splendid soil. Open to offer.

**OAK BAY AVENUE**—7 roomed house, modern conveniences. Lot 60 x 120, alley at back. Fine view of Bay. \$3,200.

**2 HOUSES**—On two lots; sewer connection; good repair; good neighborhood; rent, \$3,000.

**TWO STOREY HOUSE**—Rock Bay; \$1,800. 10 minutes' walk from post office.

**TWO STOREY HOUSE**—Superior street; basement, modern conveniences; lot 44 x 105. \$3,500. Terms.

**TWO STOREY HOUSE**—On Tolmie avenue; barn, chicken house, etc.; 1½ acres land, good well, 20 or 30 fruit trees; corner property; good view and natural drainage; \$3,150.

**Christmas Music**  
By BENEDICT BANTLY

The Christmas sentiment could not be better expressed than in the sketch of Washington Irving of which I give an extract:

"Of all the old festivals, that of Christmas awakens the strongest and most heartfelt associations.

There is a tone of solemn and sacred feeling that blends with our conviviality and lifts the spirit to a state of hallowed and elevated enjoyment.

The services of the church about this season are extremely tender and inspiring; they dwell on the beautiful story of the origin of our faith, and the pastoral scenes that accompanied its announcement; they gradually increase in fervor and pathos during the season of Advent, until they break forth in full jubilee on the morning that brought peace and good-will to men.

do not know a grander effect of music on the moral feelings than to hear the full choir and the peeling organ performing a Christmas anthem in a cathedral, and filling every part of the vast pile with triumphant harmony."

The singing or carols at Christmas has not yet become of universal practice in our far west country but as with everything else in serious art, it takes time to accomplish, and when humanity will be more settled then will we look more towards the keener delights of the intellect which can only be found in true art.

The history of our own English carols has not yet been exhaustively treated; nor has their music received the attention it deserves.

In no part of the world has the recurrence of Yule-Tide been welcomed with greater rejoicings than in England; and as a natural consequence the Christmas carol has obtained a firm hold, less upon the taste than the inmost affections of the people.

Yet, not one of our great composers seems to have devoted his attention to this subject.

Possibly the influence of national feeling may have been strong enough, in early times, to exclude the refinements of art from a festival, the joys of which were supposed to be as freely open to the most unlettered peasant as to men of profound learning. But, be it as it may, the fact remains, that the old verses and melodies have been perpetuated among us, for the most part, by the process of tradition alone, without any artistic adornment whatever; and, unless some attempt be made to preserve them, we can scarcely hope that, in these days of change, they will continue much longer in remembrance.

How beautiful and full of sentiment are the Christmas festivities in Germany where in every house there is a Christmas tree—be it ever so small, and when at every occasion when a few friends assemble the candles are lighted and carols sung of which there are unlimited numbers and which raise the pitch of festive enjoyment to that of the keenest delight.

It was with deep interest that I noted the resolutions passed a short time since by the Victoria Musical society to the effect of introducing music in our school system. Now I firmly believe this to be the only means of creating the necessary musical interest in the hearts of our rising generations, and the only hope ever to become a nation of music lovers.

Let us have singing in our schools then we will also in a few years have our carols at Christmas as they have in the old world, and which help to make this beautiful festive season one of great joy and peace.

Now Christmas is come,  
Let us beat the drum,  
And call all our neighbors together  
And when they appear,  
Let us make such a cheer,  
As will keep out the



